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Nazareth man is Latin patriarch of Jerusalem

By ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER
Jerusalem Post Reporter and Agencies

Pope John Paul has named Bethlehem University president Michel Asa'ad Sabbah as Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, the first local-born appointee since the patriarchate was established over 800 years ago in the Crusader era.

An official Vatican statement said Sabbah, 54, would replace Italian Giacomo Guiseppe Beltritti, 77, who was retiring due to his age.

Sabbah's appointment comes after years of pressure by Palestinians for a patriarch of Arab origin, and it is being welcomed warmly here.

"This is the first appointment of a Palestinian patriarch in 1,000 years. It is very, very significant," said Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, who is Greek Orthodox. "It shows that the pope is open-minded and has the interests of the Palestinian people in the Holy Land in mind. We're very proud of his decision."

Ehud Gol, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, issued a statement saying the Israeli government wished Sabbah "success, and we hope we will have constructive and fruitful cooperation with him as we have with other heads of churches."

Politically, the appointment of a Palestinian to the patriarch's position is not likely to make much difference to the Israeli authorities, said Israel Lippel, former director general of the Religious Affairs Ministry.

He noted that relations between the outgoing patriarch, Beltritti, and the Israeli authorities have long been cool, with Beltritti shunning any contacts with the senior political echelon. Lippel added that most of the members of the Catholic Church here are Arabs.

"It represents the advancement of Arabization inside the Catholic Church, a process which has been going on in the Anglican and Lutheran Churches (which now have local Arab bishops) for seven to nine years," said Lippel, currently the chairman of the Jerusalem Institute for Interreligious Relations and Research.

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A warm show of pride

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH – Michel Asa'ad Shabbah was given a rapturous reception yesterday when he returned to his home here to break the news of his prestigious appointment to his family.

Friends who were present at the emotional reunion said the family were overjoyed.

Shabbah, whom they described as a quiet and modest person, kissed his mother's hand and received her blessing.

"It was a very joyous and moving moment," said Awad Abu Sini, a leading member of Nazareth's 6,000 strong Roman Catholic community.

Shabbah's mother, who lives with two of her sons, Toufik and Aziz, on one of the hills in Nazareth near St. Joseph's School, were unable to contain their delight and pride.

"We are all enormously happy and proud. He is the first Arab to be appointed patriarch and he is from Nazareth. It is a great honour for his family, the town and all the Roman Catholics in Israel and the region," said Abu Sini.

Shabbah is due to fly to Rome today, and is to be made patriarch of Jerusalem by the pope on January 6.

During this brief visit to his home town he called on his mentor, Bishop of Nazareth Hanna Kaldany, who is acting patriarch following the resignation of Giacomo Beltritti and pending Shabbah's ordination.

Abu Sini said Shabbah, one of eight children, studied at the Frères School in Nazareth alongside two other classmates who today hold high office in the Latin church: Raouf Najar, the bishop of Amman, and Kamal Batheesh, monsignor of the Jerusalem area.

The three were taken under the wing of then bishop of Nazareth, monsignor Pascal Abodia. Shabbah studied at the Catholic seminary in Beit Jalla, near Bethlehem. He continued his studies in Beirut and later at the Sorbonne, where he gained a doctorate in Arabic.

"We still cannot believe the fact that one of our own has been nominated to be the Patriarch of Jerusalem. We are planning a big reception for him when, as patriarch, he makes his annual visit to Nazareth for the feast of the annunciation," said Abu Sini.



A bourse dealer in nervous trading in Paris yesterday after the sharp fall in the dollar, which reached its lowest level against the French franc in six years. (Reuter)

Nissim blames Likud for budget revolt

By AVI TEMKIN and JEFF BLACK
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim yesterday complained bitterly to his Liberal Party colleagues that opposition from Likud ministers had forced him to compromise with Labour on many aspects of his proposed state budget.

According to Liberal sources, Nissim named Minister-without-Portfolio Yitzhak Moda'i as the leader of the revolt against him in the Likud. Moda'i and Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon have led the coalition of Likud ministers opposing Nissim in recent months.

Nissim has already agreed to drop his original proposals to introduce progressive fees for high-school education and user charges for health services.

It was announced yesterday that Kupat Holim Clalit, the Histadrut's health fund, stands to get more money at the expense of the smaller health funds, following a meeting between Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katsav and Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar.

Government sources told *The Jerusalem Post* the accord reached between Katsav and Kessar would bring Kupat Holim Clalit some NIS 10 million a year. They added the agreement had been reached with Nissim's consent.

Katsav agreed to introduce two changes in the law governing distribution to the health funds of the employers' payments to the National Insurance Institute for their employees' health insurance. The new system will take into account the number of elderly members in each health fund and the geographical distribution of its clinics. The new criteria clearly benefit Kupat Holim Clalit.

But Nissim is still stiffly opposed to the Labour Party's demand to extend for one more year the 10 per cent surtax on monthly incomes over NIS 8,000. The surtax is due to expire at the end of this month. Labour ministers have said that extending the tax for a year would bring in some NIS 55 million and could serve as an alternative to at least some of the proposed cuts in the education and health budgets.

Addressing a meeting of government spokesmen yesterday, Nissim lashed out at the Labour Party, charging that its ministers had acted as a faction by pledging to vote against the budget proposal if any

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Washington demands: 'no deportations'

Jerusalem Post Staff

The U.S. has officially demanded of Israel not to deport Palestinians suspected of complicity in the recent riots in the West Bank and Gaza.

Under Secretary of State Philip Wilcox transmitted a statement expressing the U.S. position to Israeli charge d'affaires Oded Eran in Washington yesterday.

U.S. officials maintain that expulsion under such sensitive circumstances would only increase tension and unrest in the territories, they said.

Meanwhile, it was learned that the U.S. Consulate-General in Jerusalem plans to send special observers to the courts holding speedy trials for suspects in the disturbances.

U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering met with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Tel Aviv yesterday and expressed his government's concern at the reports of impending deportations of Palestinian activists.

Although he did not acknowledge any decision to proceed with the expulsions, Rabin did say that such steps have always been part and parcel of Israel's policy in dealing with unrest and incitement in the administered territories. The matter of deportations is understood not to have been a major part of Rabin and Pickering's discussions, which centred on an overall review of the recent events in the territories.

State Department spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said yesterday that "Israel has the responsibility of administering the occupied territories, and we expect that in the trials now going on the due process of law will be followed."

Dollar hits new low

LONDON (AP) – The dollar slid to new record lows against major foreign currencies in thin European trading yesterday despite what dealers said was substantial intervention by major central banks.

The dollar hit record lows against the yen, the Deutschmark, the Swiss franc and Dutch guilder. It also hit five- to six-year lows against the British pound, French franc and Italian lira.

In New York, the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 56.7 points to 1943 on concerns about the weakening dollar and fears that it could lead foreign investors to sell their dollar-based securities. British share markets were closed for a post-Christmas bank holiday.

To slow the dollar's fall, the West German Bundesbank bought about $200 million over the course of the day, while other European central banks bought a similar volume, dealers said. Late in the afternoon, the New York Federal Reserve also entered the markets, but the interventions had little effect, traders said.

The White House, in a rare statement on the dollar, said yesterday it wanted the currency stabilized because a further decline would be

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The rate of exchange of the shekel against the dollar fell to its lowest level yesterday since January's devaluation. The Bank of Israel set the rate at NIS 1.5393, barely 3.3 per cent above its level on the eve of the 10 per cent devaluation of the shekel. The rate of exchange of the shekel against the basket of currencies was set at NIS1.7083.

Finance Minister Moshe Nissim said yesterday he was still very much against a devaluation of the shekel which could undermine price stability. Nissim insisted that a devaluation would not aid exporters, since it would only trigger inflation.

Trade Minister Sharon doesn't like taking orders

When Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon told a Herut Party meeting in Netanya on Sunday that "Finance Minister Moshe Nissim does not represent the Likud," he was expressing his long-standing dislike of Nissim. But he also had a calculated aim in mind.

This total condemnation of Nissim, from a Likud colleague in the cabinet, has few precedents in recent months for abuse of a party colleague, with the exception of abuse by one Liberal against another, which is commonplace. But when a Herut figure slanders a Liberal figure, it has a different meaning.

The only Likud member who chided Sharon for seeking to place Nissim outside the pale was faction chairperson Sara Doron. All the senior Likud leaders who might have been expected to tell Sharon off, kept silent, either because they do not take him seriously or because they are afraid to tangle with him.

As Doron told *The Post*: "Menachem Begin isn't around any more. So who will put Sharon in his place?"

ANALYSIS

ASHER WALLFISH

All observers in the Likud agree that there is a strong clash of temperaments between Nissim and Sharon, and that they never liked each other.

In addition, the Industry and Trade Ministry, while being the department closest to the Treasury, was always generally subservient to the Treasury. Strong finance minis-

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Trial of Palestinians in Nablus

'Red tape halts justice'

By BERNARD JOSEPHS and ELAINE RUTH FLETCHER
Jerusalem Post Reporters

NABLUS - A military judge yesterday reportedly blamed red tape for locking the wheels of justice as proceedings at the court here ground to a near halt while hundreds of West Bank Palestinians arrested during the riots remained in jail awaiting trial.

According to court sources, Sgan Aluf Yehoshua Halevy agreed with complaints by defence lawyers who said that their clients' rights were in danger because of the prosecution's delays in preparing cases against them. Some suspects have been in detention for several weeks.

The situation was "a mess," said Levy as only three cases were completed in his court yesterday. Some of those brought to the court were not even due to have their cases heard yesterday. The proceedings began more than an hour late because of administrative problems.

Many of the suspects sat manacled and blindfolded for several hours in a bus outside the courthouse while the hearings went on. Out of 24 cases, 21 were postponed for "various reasons," military sources said.

In the remaining three, two youths were sentenced to two and a half months in jail, with an additional 21½ months suspended for five years, plus fines of NIS300 each. Another Palestinian, apparently arrested before the major rioting began, was sentenced to 50 days in jail - which he has already served - and an additional six months and 10 days suspended.

The judge also ordered police to investigate a Palestinian lawyer, Ibrahim Barghouti, who he said had tried to interfere with the course of justice by instructing one of the accused to plead not guilty. The lawyer was questioned by police and freed on bail.

Meanwhile, in a telegram to Defence Minister Rabin, Progressive List for Peace MK Matti Peled demanded an immediate stop to "summary" trials in the territories and called for an investigation of the military courts system.

He said the courts had ceased to be institutions of justice and were instead "automatic machines to produce judgments in assembly-line fashion." He charged that the judges refused to enter into the record claims by prisoners that they had been beaten or tortured.

Peled said he had been refused permission to table a motion on the issue in the Knesset, but added that he would raise the question of the territories by means of a motion of no confidence in the government later this week.

Bradley Burston adds:

The accelerated pace of trials of those detained during the wave of unrest in the Gaza Strip was stepped

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Palestinian youth on trial yesterday in Nablus. (Tiktiner/Media)

Army gets ready for Fatah Day

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV – The army has nearly doubled its forces in the West Bank and tripled them in the Gaza Strip, in a move to discourage disturbances on Friday, the eve of the anniversary of Fatah's founding.

Chief of General Staff Dan Shomron briefed defence reporters on the plan last night, noting that the large-scale deployment, and the detention of inciters and potential inciters, meant "chances were good" that there would be no trouble.

In the Gaza Strip alone, the IDF is now deploying more troops than it used to occupy all the areas in 1967, he said. The deployment is particularly high in the Strip because 65 to 70 per cent of the population live in refugee camps. Quelling disturbances without the use of live bullets there is "more complicated" than elsewhere. By comparison, only 15 per cent of the West Bank's residents are refugees, and many of them have left the camps, so disturbances there " appear different."

In time the army will pull troops out, and send them back to training bases and routine tasks, he said. But some long-range changes are in store:

☐ A course in riot control will be part of army training, though previous policy had been to avoid the subject.

☐ More men will be channelled into the Border Police, which will continue to serve as Israel's riot-control force. Shomron opposed establishing riot-control army units because that would divert the IDF from its main task of defence in case of all-out war.

☐ The IDF will increase its stockpile of riot-control gear. In the recent riots, the stock of rubber bullets, tear-gas and other equipment ran out, and new supplies – from Israel and abroad – took several days.

Shomron explained that the scope and intensity of the disturbances had taken the authorities by surprise, but indicated that at no time did the IDF lose control of any area. The authorities gained access wherever necessary to arrest inciters, he said.

Despite the large number of Arab casualties, Shomron insisted the troops had shown restraint. He said

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Soviet mission to leave in a few weeks

By MENACHEM SHALEV
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Soviet consular mission here is expected to pack its bags and leave the country within two to three weeks, officials in Jerusalem said yesterday.

The current visa of the eight-man delegation, whose ostensible task here has been to renew passports for Soviet citizens and survey Soviet properties, expires on January 14. The mission, which arrived in July for three months, has not asked for a further extension of its stay. Foreign Ministry officials said yesterday that they had reason to believe it will not do so.

The mission has been virtually unemployed after having renewed several hundred passports of Soviet citizens – mainly clergy – and assigning matters concerning Soviet property interests to Israeli attorneys.

The extended stay of the mission originally inspired speculation that the Soviets intended to establish a permanent diplomatic presence here.

If the Soviets do decide to submit a last minute request for an extension of their stay, the government may well decide to refuse it. A senior official in the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday that the Soviets have been exploiting the mission's stay here in order to claim, in talks with the U.S., that they have improved their relations with Israel, while Israel itself reaps no benefits from the mission's presence.

The official said that Israel has been outmaneuvered in its dealings over the mission, first dropping its demand for simultaneous reciprocity from the Soviets, then temporarily shelving its demand for reciprocity, and finally giving up on the matter altogether. "We must put an end to this," the official said.

The Foreign Ministry is not too enthusiastic about the Soviet mission either. Senior ministry officials, and Foreign Minister Peres himself, have spoken recently of a "hardening" in the Soviet position on the peace process, especially the renewed emphasis they have placed on PLO participation in peace talks. The officials said a recent Soviet speech at the UN General Assembly had dashed hopes for Soviet flexibility.

The officials added that the last extension of the mission's stay here, given in September, came against the backdrop of Peres's planned meeting in New York with the Soviet foreign minister and a more optimistic view of the Soviet position on the peace process. Currently, they said, there is no reason to "reward" the Soviets.

The Foreign Ministry, however, dismisses the importance of reciprocity. Israel has rejected a Soviet offer that each state open an interest section in the other's territory and insists on full diplomatic relations, the officials said. In this context, they added, the original Israeli demand for reciprocity has lost importance.

Coalition cease-fire is clearly over

By MENACHEM SHALEV

The cease-fire between the Labour Party and the Likud broke down yesterday as Foreign Minister Shimon Peres lashed out at Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon over the Lebanon war and his recent move into the Moslem Quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

Peres was reacting to a sharp attack by Sharon at a Herut forum on Sunday night, when the Likud minister described Peres as a "frightened man" who was roaming the world and causing alarm with his talk of the Palestinian demographic threat, thus inflicting great damage on the state. Sharon dismissed Peres's proposals on the demilitarization of Gaza as "stupidity."

"Arik dares talk of stupidity?" thundered Peres in front of hundreds of pupils in Kiryat Gat. "Lebanon was the peak of wisdom?"

Peres said that he had not proposed a unilateral demilitarization of Gaza, but had raised the possibility that such a move might be discussed in talks with Jordan and perhaps Egypt. In a line which Labour sources said yesterday would become a staple of Labour's election campaign rhetoric, Peres asked: "What will we do with the inhabitants of Gaza if instead of throwing stones they apply for Israeli identity cards and passports?"

Peres said that the Likud was adopting increasingly extremist positions, and that today it would not have signed a peace agreement with Egypt or withdrawn from Lebanon.

Sources close to Peres said last night that his attack on Sharon signalled the end of the "ideological cease-fire" between Labour and Likud which was briefly in effect after the disturbances in the territories. From now on, they said, Labour leaders would stress the differences between their party and the Likud in regard to the peace process.

The Labour Party itself also attacked Sharon yesterday, saying that the industry and trade minister thinks "that the public has forgotten who deluded the people of Israel with the proposal to impose a 'new order' in Lebanon which brought only death and grief."

A spokeswoman for the party said that Sharon is trying to sell "a new delusion that the problem of Gaza can be solved by force while ignoring the only possible solution, which is the political one."

Labour's Knesset caucus chairman Rafi Edri said that Sharon's "political blindness could cause another diplomatic and security catastrophe. What is the solution for the disturbances in the territories?" Edri asked in a prepared statement last night. "Another Sabra and Shatilla?"

Koor plans up to 10% pay cuts

By AVI TEMKIN and KEN SCHACHTER
Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV – The management of Koor Industries plans to push ahead with efforts to wring concessions from its more than 30,000 workers, including pay cuts of 8-10 per cent this year or a possible one-year suspension of management payments to the sabbatical fund (*keren hishtalmut*), Histadrut sources have told *The Jerusalem Post*.

In an apparent bid to lessen workers' resistance to proposed cuts, top Koor officials recently informed all of the company's managers that they had each forfeited 11 days of accumulated vacation pay, said a Koor source, who asked not to be identified. He said that managers were "surprised" by a note accompanying their salary slip that said the cuts were necessary in order to show "leadership."

Ongoing negotiations with Koor's central works committee have yet to produce an agreed formula for worker concessions, but the proposed suspension of sabbatical fund

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Jew stabbed at Damascus Gate

By ANDY COURT
For The Jerusalem Post

A Jewish postal worker from Hebron was attacked yesterday morning as he stepped out of an Arab taxi near Damascus Gate in East Jerusalem.

Arye Klein, 26, was lightly scratched on the head and did not require hospital treatment.

Klein works at the post office on Salah e-Din Street. As he was getting out of the cab at about 8:20 a.m., an unknown assailant tried to stab him.

Klein immediately pulled out a revolver and fired in the air, whereupon the assailant fled.

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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	MIN. °C	MIN. °F	MAX. °C	MAX. °F	
AMSTERDAM	8	46	11	52	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	2	36	10	50	Cloudy
BUENOS AIRES	18	64	25	77	Cloudy
CHICAGO	-6	21	2	36	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	7	45	9	48	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	5	41	10	50	Cloudy
GENEVA	2	36	7	45	Cloudy
HELSINKI	-7	19	-2	28	Clear
HONG KONG	19	66	25	77	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	15	59	27	81	Clear
LISBON	8	46	16	61	Clear
LONDON	10	50	13	55	Cloudy
MADRID	-1	30	10	50	Clear
MONTREAL	-7	19	-1	30	Snow
NEW YORK	-1	30	4	39	Cloudy
OSLO	-4	25	3	37	Clear
PARIS	6	43	10	50	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	18	64	28	82	Clear
SAO PAULO	20	68	30	86	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	0	32	1	34	Cloudy
TOKYO	9	43	17	63	Clear
TORONTO	-5	23	2	36	Cloudy
VIENNA	3	37	10	50	Clear
ZURICH	9	48	9	48	Clear
URICH	10	50	19	66	Clear

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Temperatures continuing cooler than usual for the season.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	59	2- 8	10
Golan	58	0- 9	11
Nahariya	67	—11	15
Safad	66	1- 6	8
Haifa Port	47	5-13	15
Tiberias	66	5-16	17
Nazareth	58	3-11	12
Afula	43	3-15	16
Shomron	51	3-10	12
Tel Aviv	44	6-15	15
B-G Airport	57	3-13	15
Jericho	52	5-16	17
Gaza	50	8-16	17
Beersheba	51	3-14	16
Eilat	36	10-17	18

SHARON

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ters liked to have pliant ministers of industry and trade. That gave the overall economic directorate clear priority over the department handling the productive sector.

Sharon likes to give orders, not take them, especially not from a soft-spoken, cultured, and courteous figure like Nissim.

Sharon is pushing the demands of the exporters for devaluation, more generous export funds, and exchange rate insurance, but he has been unable to budge Nissim, and it needles him. His strategy, when blocked in a frontal assault, is to outflank his adversary, but there is no way he can outflank Nissim, and he can expect no help from Prime Minister Shamir. Hence his angry frustration.

Moreover, Sharon was incensed with Nissim earlier in the year, when the finance minister refused to approve additional budgets to pay the salaries of price control inspectors. The fact that more of those inspectors were appointed on the basis of "jobs for Sharon's boys" only made the Treasury's refusal more cutting.

Another constant source of friction between Nissim and Sharon is the dispute over the appointment of directors to the boards of state-owned corporations.

In short, Sharon often finds Nissim standing in his way, and he doesn't like it.

To his misfortune, Sharon cannot actually accuse Nissim of being less "patriotic" or less devoted to the cause of Greater Israel. Nissim, if anything, is in heart and mind more hawkish than Sharon. After all, when Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat graded Sharon's devotion to Judea and Samaria on a scale, he said that Sharon would be ready to give away a bigger slice of Eretz Yisrael than any of his Likud colleagues.

Sharon has a long-term purpose in smearing Nissim today, and in delegitimizing him as "not representing the Likud."

The attack is part of a contingency plan which Sharon is putting into operation, just in case.

Sharon knows that about four years from now Shamir will stand aside, and someone will have to take over the reins.

The Shamir camp in Herut is said to be grooming Likud MK Moshe Arens for that role, as a potential prime minister. The struggle for the top rung in the Herut ladder would thus be between Sharon, Arens, and Housing Minister David Levy.

Sharon, who plans his strategy years ahead, knows that Arens's climb to the top could be hindered by those in Herut who say he is not a charismatic vote-getter. He learns from the public opinion polls, like everyone else, that the best vote-getter in the Likud could well be Nissim, and that some Likud power-brokers might seek to put Nissim's name forward as a compromise candidate whose ideological credentials are not in doubt.

Nissim would be promoted as a chairman-figure, whose presence would keep Sharon and Levy from tearing the party apart. Hence, in Sharon's view, it is not too early to begin blackening Nissim's name.

The fact that the Liberal wing of the Likud is suffering from a sickness which could be terminal makes Sharon's attack on Nissim very easy. The fact that Sharon intimidates all his Herut colleagues from the top down, will embolden him to prey on others who stand in his way on the road to the premiership.

A professor testifies once again

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

When, at a recent congress, anthropologist Yasser Mehmed Iscan told his colleague, Donald J. Ortner, that he was going to testify at the Demjanjuk trial, Ortner disclosed that he too had a connection with the trial. About a year ago his friend, Hebrew University anthropology Professor Patricia Smith, who was preparing to testify for the prosecution, had consulted him about the approach she was taking in her research.

Iscan last week completed his testimony for the defence. Yesterday, Smith, who gave evidence for the prosecution in May, was in the witness stand again – this time to answer questions from the defence.

Smith had originally approached Prof. Angel, another eminent anthropologist. But when Angel died, she turned to her friend, Dr. Ortner, asking him to retrieve and look over the material she had sent to Angel. That is how Ortner came to express his opinion about Smith's work. And while he was at it, he also consulted an unnamed photo identification expert working for the FBI.

Ortner subsequently sent his opinion and that of the FBI to Smith. During her direct testimony, Smith had not mentioned the two documents. The defence did not ask about them while cross-examining her, because it did not know of their existence. But now Iscan, by the purest chance, had made defence lawyers Yoram Sheftel and Paul Chumak aware of them. The two promptly asked the court to subpoena Smith to testify on the two documents on their behalf.



And that is what took place yesterday.

The defence saw the documents as a great boon to its case, because it viewed them as casting severe doubt on the validity of Smith's work.

Smith had sent copies of nine photographs for evaluation. One was the picture attached to the Trawniki identity card, which the defence claims is not that of its client. The other eight, dating from 1941 to 1986, are acknowledged photos of Demjanjuk.

Ortner wrote to Smith last January:

"In my opinion the continuity of anatomical features between all the photographs supports the possibility that the individual portrayed in photograph 1-4269/86 (the Trawniki photo) and the individual portrayed in the other photographs is the same person. The evidence, however, is not conclusive. I requested an independent opinion on the interpretation of the photographs by the staff of the Special Photographic Unit at the FBI Laboratory in Washington D.C. and they also agree that the evidence is not conclusive. A copy of that report is attached.

"The research on these photographs that was done by Dr. Patricia Smith seems to be carefully considered and appropriate to the issue of this case. The major scientific problem that remains is to establish resonable probabilities for the existence of anatomical similarities between different people."

The opinion by the FBI laboratory is even briefer. It bears no signature.

"A number of similarities were noted when intercomparing those photographs, however, the individual identifying characteristics necessary for a positive identification were not observed in the submitted specimens.

"As a result, no conclusion can be reached as to whether JOHN DEMJANJUK is or is not the person depicted in the questioned photographs. However, DEMJANJUK cannot be eliminated as a suspect inasmuch as no differences were noted during the examination."

Defence counsel Chumak conducted the questioning of Smith.

Chumak told the court: "I want this witness declared an adversary witness..."

Said prosecutor Michael Shaked: "Now, at least, I understand the direction the defence is taking, although I don't think all this justifies recalling Smith to the stand."

Chumak asked Smith why she had told no one, not even Shaked, about the Ortner and FBI reports. She replied that she considered them "private and not relevant."

"Both reports refer to a very preliminary stage of my investigations."

Smith also explained that the material she had sent to the U.S. consisted only of copies of small snapshots and a trial video film shot in

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A Border Policeman questions a young Arab who was in the vicinity of Damascus Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem yesterday, where postal worker Arye Klein was lightly wounded in a stabbing. (Rahamim Israel)

MKs may no longer enjoy privilege of the preliminary hearing procedure

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The days of the preliminary hearing procedure (*shimu'a*), which can spare potential defendants the trauma of a trial, may well be numbered, at least under the procedure's present controversial rules.

This emerged in the Knesset subcommittee for criminal investigation procedures, when an aide of Attorney-General Yosef Harish said that Harish was currently studying the entire procedure, including the regulations governing who may request a preliminary hearing procedure and under what conditions.

Shimu'a takes place following a police investigation but before charges are filed. It is available, with the attorney-general's approval, to politicians, public figures and others whose lawyers claim that their entire careers could be advsersely affected in situations where their conviction in court is far from certain.

Harish's aide, Gloria Weisman, was under attack from Yitzhak Artzi (Alignment) who charged that *shimu'a* exists for "a closed club of bigwigs" who are favoured over the ordinary Israeli. Artzi said that Harish should establish new criteria, making all suspects equal before the law.

The existing criteria, which are honoured more in the breach than in the observance, were determined in 1970.

Representatives of the Israel Bar said at yesterday's meeting that *shimu'a* perpetuates inequality before the law.

Shinui MK Amnon Rubinstein, a former dean of the Tel Aviv University law faculty, said *shimu'a* was not reprehensible in itself, provided it was not limited to VIPs.

New envoys to be chosen soon for London, Bonn, other posts

By MENACHEM SHALEV

The Foreign Ministry's top appointments committee is scheduled to convene today to consider candidates for some top foreign service posts, including the ambassadors to London and Bonn.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday that the prime minister expects to be consulted about the appointments.

The appointment of heads of delegations abroad must be approved by a four-man ministerial committee comprising two ministers from each of the two big parties, and then by the full cabinet. Shamir could block the appointments should he choose to open another election-year front against Foreign Minister Peres.

Candidates for the post in London include the assistant director-general for North American affairs, Yoav Biran, the ministry's inspector-general, Benny Navon, and the head of the ministry's research department, Arieh Levin. Levin and Navon are also being considered as candidates for the Bonn posting, along with the current ambassador to Bucharest, Yosef Govrin.

Shamir and Peres will have to agree on the candidate for the UN ambassadorship, and their talks over this position might include a Shamir request to appoint his media adviser, Avi Pazner, to Paris, should the current ambassador there, Ovadia Sofer, decide against an extension of his stay.

Peres's bureau chief, Uri Savir, is considered to be the leading candidate for the post of consul-general in New York, where he once served. Another candidate for the New York post is the assistant director-general for information, Colette Avital.

NABLUS TRIALS

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up even further yesterday, as 70 defendants were brought before military tribunals here. Twenty-three were brought to trial on Sunday.

The majority of the defendants yesterday pleaded guilty to charges of throwing stones and disturbing the peace, and were sentenced to prison terms of up to six months, in addition to fines of NIS 500-1000 each.

Most were also sentenced to probationary periods of several years.

In order to facilitate the trials, the defendants, ranging in age from 17 to 30, were transported in IDF jeeps from the Ansar 2 detention camp on the Gaza coast, to the central Gaza City courthouse, then returned to the camp immediately after their hearings.

Local defence attorneys continued their week-long boycott of the military trials yesterday, stating that the speed with which they were being conducted made it impossible to prepare adequate defences.

The attorneys also contended that there had been coercion to persuade defendants to plead guilty, and that the courts had refused to officially record what the attorneys called "marks of beatings inflicted by IDF soldiers both during the demonstrations and at Ansar 2."

IDF judicial officials have rejected the attorneys' charges, saying that current trial procedure conforms to standards of military legal practice. The accelerated trials are actually in the defendants' interest, the officials added, stating that detainees would otherwise have to remain in detention for long periods.

The pace of the trials is expected to be accelerated even more later this week, with the addition of a third military court here.

Meanwhile, the curfew imposed last week on the Jebalya refugee camp was lifted before dawn yesterday, allowing the estimated 12,000 camp residents employed in Israel to travel to their jobs.

"This is the first time I have been able to go to work in three weeks," said 31-year-old Mohammed Halloul of Jebalya, as he returned from work yesterday afternoon.

SECURITY

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soldiers who responded to firebombing by shooting had been justified. If they had they done so in every case, the number of Arab casualties would have been much higher.

However, the troops had been ordered to hold their fire, much to their "frustration." The IDF insisted on restraint so as not to fuel future riots, Shomron said.

Some soldiers nevertheless opened fire without justification, he admitted. In cases where the commanders honestly felt their troops' lives were in danger, they would not be punished. Other instances would be investigated by the Military Police.

BITTER NISSIM

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one of them should oppose it.

"Instead of working shoulder to shoulder we have faction against faction inside the cabinet," he said.

Nissim said the surtax would not bring in large sums of money, since top income earners would register as companies, which are subject to maximum income tax rate of 45 per cent, instead of paying a 48 per cent personal tax rate. He added that he had promised to scrap the surtax after one year, and that the government's credibility was very important.

Nissim claimed that ministers' demands for additions to the budget head reached the sum of NIS 1.5 billion. He did not conceal his opinion that this was connected with the approaching elections. But he said the public wanted a firm economic policy.

"In the next general election the public will punish those who act irresponsibly," he said.

'GSS is now sticking close to all the rules'

By ASHER WALLFISH

Prime Minister Shamir said yesterday that the Shin Bet (General Security Service) is already operating according to the recommendations of the Landau commission of inquiry, which was set up following the Izat Nafsu perjury affair.

Shamir told the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that the Shin Bet identifies with the letter and the spirit of the Landau recommendations on rules and procedures for interrogating terror suspects and for giving court testimony on such interrogations.

"The Shin Bet regards those recommendations as an important tool to help it direct its operations," Shamir said. "Those recommendations went into depth, while making maximum allowance for the needs of security on one hand and the dictates of law and justice on the other."

Shamir said the Nafsu affair and the Landau inquiry did not weaken the Shin Bet. "It was under assault, and it underwent a major public test, but it functions effectively and adequately," he said.

The inquiry was ordered after the Supreme Court heard an appeal lodged by Nafsu, a Circassian IDF officer, following his conviction on security charges. The court found that Shin Bet operatives had perjured themselves over the details of his interrogation.

Shamir said the Landau commission recommendations guided the government in its supervision of the work of the Shin Bet.

In the discussion, however, Micha Harish (Alignment), the deputy chairman of the subcommittee on the security services, pointed out that the Landau recommendations said nothing about the need for an outside controlling body for the Shin Bet.

Harish said the prime minister, who is responsible for the Shin Bet, can supervise it to the degree that he devotes the necessary time and can rely on the absolute veracity of his informant, be it the head of the Shin Bet or one of his assistants.

Shamir conceded, in response to this, that the problem of supervision over the Shin Bet is "extremely complicated and that there are differing views on how control should be exercised."

Benny Shalita (Likud) said: "When an Arab terror suspect is under interrogation, every last drop of information has to be squeezed out of him, as though he were a lemon."

Rabbi Haim Druckman (National Religious Party) said: "When it comes to Arab suspects, the Shin Bet must have a completely free hand. Better to give a killer one more slap in the face than to risk the lives of many innocent civilians."

Druckman shouted at Elazar Granot (Mapam) who had asked Shamir how he, as a former underground fighter, would behave if he were a Palestian. "How do you have the gall to compare a rioter in Gaza with a leader of the pre-state underground?" Druckman said.

LATIN PATRIARCH

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Lippel noted that following the first Latin patriarch who served in Jerusalem at the time of the Crusaders there was no Latin patriarch here at all between the 12th and 19th centuries. The post was restored in the 1850s, but the appointees were never of Arab nationality, he noted.

The announcement of the appointment comes a week after the pope called for peace in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in response to the December unrest that has killed 22 Palestinians and wounded nearly 200.

Speaking to pilgrims in St Peter's Square on December 20, the pontiff said the land where Jesus was born "cannot continue being a theatre of violence, of confrontation, and of injustice."

But Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the appointment of Sabbah was not connected with the unrest. "There is absolutely no direct or indirect connection with the situation in that area at the moment," he told Reuters. "The previous patriarch announced his intention to retire in 1986. These things take a lot of time and a replacement nomination has only now been made public," he added.

He said the appointment reflected a "demographic reality," and said it was normal for the church to appoint a local person to an important pastoral position among his own countrymen.

Navarro said 85 per cent of the Latin Patriarchate's 65,000 followers in the Jerusalem diocese were of Arab origin, and 65 out of its 78 priests were also Arabs."

He said Sabbah, as current president of Bethlehem University, was a public figure in the region and had maintained close links with the Israeli authorities.

The unresolved Palestinian question and the status of Jerusalem are major obstacles to the establishment of full diplomatic relations between Israel and the Vatican. Sabbah, who speaks Italian, French, English and Hebrew as well as Arabic, was ordained a priest in 1955.

He has served as a director-general of the Jerusalem Patriarchate's school system. He reportedly spends much of his time now in Amman, taking care of church and university affairs there.

KOOR

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payments, itself worth about 10 per cent of salary, could trigger stiff resistance within the Histadrut-controlled company.

A Koor spokeswoman would say only that negotiations are continuing and that workers' representatives have been asked to agree to a 10 per cent cut in the cost of labour, which doesn't necessarily amount to 10 per cent of wages. The spokeswoman also warned against undue speculation about the negotiation process.

Arieh Firota, a member of the central works committee, said that he wasn't aware of the proposal to concede the sabbatical fund payments, but that many different packages were on the table.

The negotiations are part of a major cost-cutting effort by Koor that includes layoffs, plant closures and consolidation of operations.

Koor, like other exporters, has been hurt by the frozen dollar-shekel rate as well as by sharply curtailed orders by the IDF for military hardware.

Sources close to Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar told *The Post* yesterday that Kessar was aware of the suggested measure, but had not expressed any opinion on it. Kessar would wait until a formal proposal was made and the firm's works committee could react to it. As secretary-general, Kessar is formally the head of Hevrat Ha'ovdim, the labour federation's holding company, which controls Koor.

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Siege of Khost goes on in biggest battle of Afghan war

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Fierce fighting was continuing Monday along the mountain road between Gardez and Khost, the besieged garrison town in Afghanistan that is the focus of the biggest battle in the eight-year Afghan conflict, rebel and diplomatic sources said.

The sources said Khost, a city of 40,000 that has been under siege since August 1979, remained surrounded by Afghan guerrillas who still controlled several high valleys. "Fighting is still going on, as the Mujahadeen still hold some valleys in the mountains half-way between Gardez and Khost and the Soviet and Afghan forces control others," an Asian diplomat here said.

The diplomat, a specialist in Afghan affairs, said that the 120-kilometer road between the two cities had not reopened – as the official Kabul Radio has claimed. "Pitched fighting is now taking place in the mountains," he said. A combined force of Soviet and Afghan units are fighting to relieve Khost – which has survived on airlifts since it came under siege – in the biggest battle since Soviet troops intervened in the country eight years ago.

The diplomat, who requested anonymity, said pro-government forces – including armored columns and airborne soldiers – numbered 22,000 Afghan troops and 18,000 Soviet soldiers. Mujahadeen forces stood at about 10,000 men, he said.

Several hundred Soviet soldiers had died since the campaign began on December 19 and guerrilla losses were "roughly the same", he said. Radio Kabul on Sunday said the siege had been broken and the Gardez-Khost road was reopened to "normal traffic".

Soon afterwards, the Soviet news agency Tass quoted a senior Afghan defence official as saying the pro-government forces were nine kilometers away from Khost. The official Afghan news agency Bakhtar, monitored in Islamabad, made no reference to Khost on Monday morning.

Observers say the battle for Khost weighs heavy on talks on ending the Afghan war. The Soviet Union has intervened massively at the request of its allies in Kabul to prevent the frontier province of Paktia from falling into rebel hands.

The campaign is a departure from the military strategy employed for most of 1987 by Moscow, which concentrated on holding on to government positions and defending lines of communications to avert casualties.



Vocal protest outside the Soviet Embassy in The Hague on Sunday, as Afghan refugees show their feelings on the eighth anniversary of the Soviet invasion of their country. (AFP)

Soviet editor fired after inventing data

MOSCOW (Reuter) – The foreign affairs editor of the Soviet weekly *Ogonyok* appears to have been dropped from the magazine's editorial board after he was accused of inventing data about reactions to Kremlin reforms.

Dmitry Biryukov was not listed as a board member on the masthead in the latest edition of the magazine, which went on sale on Saturday.

Ogonyok, a magazine in the forefront of the Kremlin *glasnost* campaign, said earlier this month that Biryukov might be sacked for inventing certain data published in a November issue.

Biryukov had written about an opinion poll in the Siberian city of Novosibirsk in which only 30 per cent of those questioned were said to have supported the Kremlin reform drive. He wrote that 50 per cent were neutral while 20 per cent opposed the reforms – an unusually high percentage.

Biryukov wrote that the poll was conducted by specialists of *EKD*, an economic monthly attached to the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

The article was an account of a trip around the Soviet Union which Biryukov took with American journalist Jeff Trimble of the weekly *U.S. News and World Report*.

Ogonyok reported on December 5 that no such survey had been carried out by *EKD* in Novosibirsk and that Biryukov had invented the data. *Ogonyok* has gained widespread popularity over the past two years for publishing outspoken articles on such matters as previously banned Russian writers and a new look at history.

Biryukov himself was not available for comment but some analysts believe he may have been accused by conservatives opposed to *Ogonyok*'s radical new style.

Tunisia to restore ties severed with Libya

TUNIS (Reuter) – Tunisia and Libya have decided to restore diplomatic relations broken off over two years ago, the official news agency TAP said yesterday.

Tunisia severed ties with its neighbour in September 1985, after Libya expelled over 30,000 Tunisian workers. The government accused Tripoli of fomenting subversion in Tunisia.

Restoration of relations culminates a gradual process of *rapprochement* between Tripoli and Tunis over the last few months which has seen settlement of a series of bilateral disputes.

Among the disputes were the payment of indemnities to the expelled workers and reimbursement of Tunisian assets frozen in Libya.

Diplomats said resumption of relations paved the way for Libya to join the Treaty of Fraternity and Concord which Algeria signed in 1983 with Tunisia and Mauritania.

The treaty amounts to a non-aggression pact under which each member state undertakes to refrain from interfering in the internal affairs of the others.

Foreign ministers from the three north African member states met in Algiers on December 20 to discuss the eventual widening of the treaty to include Libya.

The Algerians have said the treaty, considered the foundation of a Maghreb or north African union, is open to all Maghreb states including, eventually, Morocco.

Tentative steps were taken this month to normalize Algeria's relations with Morocco which have been soured for nearly 12 years by the western Sahara conflict.

Philippine ferry disaster examined in two probes

MANILA (AP) – Senators called yesterday for strict enforcement of maritime safety rules as the Philippine Coast Guard and Congress began separate inquiries into last week's sea collision believed to have killed more than 1,600 people.

Scores of relatives of the victims and dozens of journalists packed a small conference room as the five-member Board of Marine Inquiry tried to determine what caused the collision of the 2,215-ton passenger ship Dona Paz and the 629-ton tanker Victor.

The two ships exploded in flames and sank immediately after they collided on Dec. 20 in the Tablas Strait off Mindoro island, 176 km. southeast of Manila. Only 26 people were rescued, including 24 Dona Paz passengers and two crewmen of the tanker. Authorities said they have failed to locate the two crewmen since the survivors were brought to Manila last Monday.

"We assure you that we will try our best for an expeditious resolution of this case considering the magnitude of the tragedy," Commodore Carlito Cunanan said in opening the board's inquiry. But the initial two-hour session failed to produce any new information and was limited to an introduction of the Dona Paz's incomplete manifest and ownership and registration documents.

Capt. Dario Fajardo, chairman of the board and deputy Coast Guard commander, said he will subpoena officials of Victor Shipping Corp., the reported owner of the tanker.

Families of the victims of the December 20 ferry-tanker collision try to identify their relatives among the 37 corpses in wooden coffins at the Rizal stadium in Manila. Twenty-six survived but more than 1,500 were believed to have died in the disaster. Coast guard officials said 133 bodies have been recovered. (AFP)



Presidents of Kenya and Uganda take steps to ease border tension

NAIROBI (AP) - Kenya and Uganda agreed yesterday to reduce security forces at their border, a move expected to ease the tension which two weeks ago led to shooting between the East African neighbours.

The agreement came after a two-hour meeting between President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya and Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni. They met at the Kenyan border town of Malaba, 32 km. northeast of Busia, where Kenyan and Ugandan security forces exchanged fire on Dec. 14.

Government-owned Radio Uganda announced the withdrawal agreement. "Only a few police and army personnel will remain," the radio said. It also said Kenya and Uganda had agreed to reopen their borders to all pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

Neither side ever announced a border closure, but Uganda claimed that as late as Sunday that Kenya was barring Ugandans and Ugandan-registered vehicles from entering.

The four-day exchange of gunfire between Kenyan paramilitary security police and Ugandan soldiers was the most serious flare-up in a year-long diplomatic row between the two countries. Each side accused the other of starting the trouble.

Uganda said three of its soldiers were killed in the conflict. Kenya admitted no losses on its side, but claimed to have killed 26 Ugandans.

The day the shooting stopped on Dec. 18, Kenya recalled its two top diplomats from Kampala, ordered Uganda's two top diplomats to leave the country and closed Libya's embassy in Kenya. Over the past year, Kenya has accused Uganda of spying and of plotting with Libya to try to destabilize Moi's Western-leaning, capitalist government.

Uganda has denied Kenya's charges. In turn, Museveni's government has accused Kenya of harbouring Ugandan rebels and of closing its borders in a move to wreck landlocked Uganda's effort to revive its economy after years of civil strife.

As a result of the border conflict, Uganda has suffered a severe fuel crisis, Museveni said.

Most of Uganda's fuel is trucked in from Kenya's Indian Ocean port of Mombasa. But Museveni's government claims that since the fighting started, Kenya has not allowed trucks and vehicles travelling to Uganda to cross the border, though traffic to states like Rwanda, Burundi and Sudan resumed last Tuesday.

Kenya has said offers of mediation from the Organization of African Unity and Tanzanian President Ali Hassan Mwinyi were unnecessary.

Moi and Museveni last held face-to-face talks in June 1986 when Museveni made a one-day state visit to Kenya.

Dane invents condom for women

VEJLE, Denmark (AFP) – A Danish gynecologist, Erik Gregerson has invented a condom for women, which he describes as being halfway between a diaphragm and the classic male condom.

The doctor, from the Saint Maria Hospital at Vejle, in Jutland, said the device had been "successfully" tried out by himself and his wife, a nurse, over a period of two years.

The condom, to be known as "femshields" in Britain and the U.S. where tests are in progress, resembles a small plastic bag with inner and outer rings, which the woman places in her vagina prior to sex.

The inventor said the device could be used as a contraceptive as well as a safeguard against Aids and other sexually transmitted diseases.

If current tests are successful, the condom will be marketed within about six months, Gregerson said. He added that the World Health Organization had shown interest in the condom and was proposing to try it on prostitutes in Asia, South America and Africa.

Sri Lanka police deny killings were deliberate

COLOMBO (Reuter) – Police yesterday denied charges that they deliberately killed civilians in a violence-filled weekend in the east of the island which left 30 people dead.

According to an Indian high commission (embassy) official, on Sunday, police, enraged by the gunning down of a colleague in the Batticaloa Market Square by Tamil guerrillas, rushed to the town, killed 12 civilians and set fire to a row of shops.

A Roman Catholic priest in the town said: "They dragged people out of shops and shot them in the market square." But a police spokesman in Colombo denied the charges, saying most of the civilians died in crossfire. He said his information was based on a report received from the Batticaloa police.

Residents of the town said the death toll rose to 30 with the discovery of more bodies yesterday morning.

After a curfew ended yesterday morning, crowds filled the streets. Though life returned to normal in the town, smoke rising from rows of burnt shops was a grim reminder of the disaster, one resident said.

A local journalist said he saw at least 20 shops, motorcycles and bicycles destroyed by fire. "There was blood all over the place. It was carnage," the journalist, who declined to be identified, said.

IN BRIEF

CHARLES MALIK, former Lebanese foreign minister and a one-time ambassador to Washington, died yesterday after a long illness, medical sources said. He was 81. Formerly a university professor of mathematics, physics and philosophy, Malik was foreign minister from 1956 to 1958. He was a Greek Orthodox Christian and had strong pro-Western views.

REWI ALLEY, a New Zealander who came to China in 1927 and stayed 60 years to help the Communist cause, died Sunday of a stroke in Peking, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. He was 90. Alley published 18 collections of his own poetry and translated 11 volumes of Chinese poetry, but he was best known for his 34 prose books in praise of the Communist revolution. He was one of several dozen foreigners who, inspired by the idealism of China's early Communist Party, devoted their lives to its cause.

A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL was crushed to death when a practical joker raised a false fire alarm in a Philippine cinema, police said yesterday. Dozens were injured when about 500 people watching a Filipino horror film, *Do Not Revive The Dead*, stampeded for the exits at a suburban Manila cinema on Saturday night. The trampled body of Ailene Ojas was found under a seat. The practical joker escaped in the confusion, police said.

THE SOVIET UNION has been testing a new cruise missile in the north of the Sea of Japan from a modernized and almost silent attack submarine, the *Washington Times* reported yesterday. In a dispatch from Tokyo, the newspaper quoted Japan defence agency sources as saying the tests might be the final stage before deployment of the missile, dubbed SS-NX-21.

A GRENADE ATTACK which killed a crewman on shore leave and injured nine others cut short a Christmas call by two U.S. Navy ships at Barcelona yesterday, officials said. As the destroyer Beary and the frigate Thorn sailed several days early for an undisclosed destination, police tightened security around other U.S. ships anchored at Palma de Majorca.

Iranian refugees in Belgrade threaten suicide

BELGRADE (Reuter) - Eight Iranian refugees camping for a third day at Belgrade airport threatened mass suicide on Monday out of fear that Yugoslav authorities might send them back to the Middle East.

"We have been sleeping here on the floor for two nights, with no food, and we are afraid they will put us on the plane for Dubai this evening," a spokesman for the group told Reuters.

The group – four men, three women and a four-year-old boy – arrived from Dubai on Saturday with the intention of seeking political asylum in Canada. They were barred from boarding a plane for Toronto because they had false Canadian visas, they said.

"I have a feeling the Yugoslavs are not taking us seriously, but if they try to send us back we will rather commit suicide here than face the Ayatollah's firing squad," a man who asked not to be identified said.

"From Dubai they will send us to Teheran and we are sure they will kill us in Iran," a spokesman for the group said earlier.

The eight Iranians, waiting at Belgrade airport's sealed-off transit area, told a Reuters correspondent who managed to slip in that they were not "economic emigrants". "We do not want to go to the West so we can live easily and be rich. We just want to be free," one Iranian said.

Analysts say future dim for Central American peace plan

MEXICO CITY (Reuter) – Prospects for Central American peace seem no better after a Christmas that saw a broken truce in Nicaragua and more fighting in El Salvador.

Under a peace plan signed by five regional presidents on August 7, 1987, the guns were to be silenced in the new year and foundations for democracy laid. The five presidents – from Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras and Guatemala – are due to meet again in San Jose on January 15 to assess their progress and assert again that the plan is the region's best hope for ending the wars. The plan was drafted by Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, who won the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts.

But political analysts say that its only achievements so far have been to make continued U.S. aid to the Contra rebels less tenable and to keep Central American leaders talking to each other.

"Instead of peace with honour, what we are seeing here is honour without peace. In typical Central American fashion, everyone is more concerned with his honour," a Latin American diplomat in Tegucigalpa said.

Of the five countries that signed the agreement, Costa Rica is the only solid democracy.

Guatemala is engaged in a long and costly guerrilla war against leftist rebels in the north and west of the country, but Nicaragua, El Salvador and Honduras pose the greatest challenges to the plan.

Nicaragua has been a battleground since the U.S. set up, armed and financed the Contra rebels more than six years ago in the hope of ousting the ruling left-wing Sandinistas. More than 40,000 Nicaraguans have died in the civil war. Despite recent moves by Roman Catholic Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo to arrange a dialogue and a ceasefire, the two sides appear as deadlocked as ever. Each side accused the other of wrecking a two-day Christmas truce and the Contras said heavy combat resumed on Saturday.

Obando y Bravo is trying to arrange fresh talks but must still overcome conflicting demands – the Sandinistas refuse to meet face-to-face with the rebels and the Contras say it is face-to-face or nothing.

In El Salvador, where the eight-year-old guerrilla war has killed more than 60,000 people and driven hundreds of thousands from their homes, the two sides did not trust each other enough to announce a Christmas truce.

They did preserve ammunition over the Christmas period but were back at it on Saturday, when leftist rebels launched a three-hour attack on government forces in Suchitoto.

There is no major guerrilla war in Honduras, but as a U.S. ally, it plays a key role in the Nicaraguan conflict. Most of the Contras are based in Honduras, although neither the rebels nor Tegucigalpa acknowledge it. Looming even higher on the list of potential stumbling blocks is President Reagan's vow to seek $270 million in military aid for the Contras even though he is not given much of a chance of swaying a Congress weary of his crusade.

Central Americans from all walks of life believe that if the Contras' Washington lifeline is not severed, the war could drag on for years.

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Red Army general who defected dies at age 88 in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) – Alexander G. Barmine, a brigadier-general in the Soviet Red Army when he defected in 1937 to later become a private in the U.S. Army, has died at age 88, family members said yesterday.

As a naturalized American, Barmine had a long career in journalism and government. In 1945, he wrote a book, *One Who Survived*, about his experiences in the Soviet military and diplomatic services. It was translated into 23 languages.

He defected during Stalin's purges of his general staff. Barmine had been associated with Marshal Mikhail Tukhachevsky, who was executed.

Barmine had a master's degree in the Persian language and was consul-general in Resht, Iran, and charge d'affaires in Athens before he fled to the West, disobeying an order to return to Moscow, where he later was sentenced to death in absentia.

Barmine's daughter, Margot Hornblower, said he died on Christmas day from complications following a stroke. He had been living in a Washington suburb.

A native of Moghilev in Byelorussia, Barmine headed the Russian services of the Voice of America from 1948 to 1964 and was a senior adviser on Soviet affairs to the U.S. Information Agency until 1972.

He lived in France after his defection and came to the U.S. in 1940. He served in an anti-aircraft artillery unit of the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1943. A *New York Times* article about him at the time said that although his background was known to superiors, he did not disclose to fellow soldiers that he had been a Red Army general.



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Young haredim go 'national'

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

With extremism aggravating religious tension and drowning out moderate voices among Orthodox Jews, a small segment of the ultra-Orthodox community last week reaffirmed its concern for the ideal of national solidarity.

Ezra, the youth movement of Poalei Agudat Yisrael, voted at its 50th anniversary convention to add the word "*leumi*" (national) to its name. From now on, the movement, which has 5,000 members, will be known as the "National Haredi Youth Organization of Eretz Yisrael."

Yitzhak Hildesheimer, the secretary-general of the Ezra world movement, said that this change was made to "overcome the stigma attached to our members due to the negative image created by haredi extremism."

He stressed that Ezra and its parent movement are "Zionist in deed, if not in name. We have moshavim and kibbutzim, we send *shlihim* (emissaries) abroad to educate our youth for aliya, and we serve in the army."

Then why not make the movement officially Zionist?

"There were some at the convention who wanted to do that," Hildesheimer responded, "but that would have created too many problems. Others wanted to take the term 'haredi' out of our name. The compromise solution, to add the word '*leumi*,' won the support of a large majority."

Hildesheimer, who is a member of Kibbutz Sha'alavim, said that the convention reaffirmed that the preferred form of army service for Ezra youth is the *hesder* yeshiva where Tora study is combined with military training. The movement also has Nahal groups, he said, which organize new settlements.

"We also affirmed that young men who are especially talented pupils could study at an advanced yeshiva for several years before the army, but only until about age 22. Then they should do their regular army service.

"As for our young women, they do not do army service or national service. But we voted – again, this was to reaffirm what we have always taught – that it is their moral obligation to volunteer for a year of service to our movement after high school."

In addition to resolutions calling for moderation in religious controversies and greater understanding between religious and secular people, the convention also voted for a resolution calling for settlement in all parts of Eretz Yisrael. But it rejected a resolution demanding the annexation of the occupied territories.



Arab women leave a demonstration yesterday at the International Committee of the Red Cross offices in East Jerusalem, at which the mufti of Jerusalem, Sheikh Mussa e-din Alami, said that Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon's purpose in moving into the Moslem Quarter was to drive the Arabs out of Jerusalem. (Isaac Harari)

Nudel: Double the population

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"I'm an ordinary Jewish woman with no political aspirations, but I know our only chance, with the Soviets and the Arabs against us, is to double our population, and only Soviet Jews can help us do that," Ida Nudel told a Herut women's division gathering in Tel Aviv Sunday night.

Her condition for participating in this "salute to women freedom fighters" was that it be "nonpolitical." Perhaps that was the reason why, contrary to similar events dealing with history and nostalgia, the evening was not spent proving why one pre-state underground movement had been right and the others wrong, or how much more it had done to bring about statehood than the others.

Lehi, Etzel and the Haganah were all mentioned in the same breath. When Shulamit Shamir and Esther Raziel Naor talked about their experiences as underground fighters, they never mentioned in which organization they had fought, probably because it was a fair assumption that everyone in the audience knew the answer, but possibly also to maintain the "nonpolitical" atmosphere.

Ida Nudel wanted to talk only about Soviet Jewry. "You've heard enough dramatic personal stories for one evening," she said in hesitant English, apologizing for not having kept her promise to learn Hebrew quickly. "When people asked me where I got my strength, I told them I got it from people here, from the devotion of my sister and from others who worked to help me. Sometimes I would start to think I wanted to sit quietly for a few months, but then I would think about my sister's devotion and create a new clash between me and the KGB, because how could I sit still? I say this because I urge you to give that same support to 'the Jews of silence' in the Soviet Union who also want to come out but perhaps are afraid to say so."

She said the KGB was trying to create a gap between the well-known aliya activists who have been released and the "Jews of silence." "Glasnost is superficial, an illusion," she warned. She added that though many Soviet Jews have gone



Ida Nudel

to the U.S. instead of coming here, she believes there is a new spirit among the young people.

"Some have become religious or traditional and others are just proud of being Jews. We have to help them and support them and bring them here to help us be a stronger and more self-sufficient country."

Herzliya Lukai, who had been imprisoned in Iraq at the age of 16 for Zionist activity, told of her experiences. She won applause from the audience when she told them one of the incriminating documents found in her home when she was arrested was her Russian translation of the Herut anthem, which she had heard on Israel Radio ("The Jordan has two banks; this one is ours and the other one, too)."

Besides being beaten, humiliated and otherwise mistreated by prison staff and prisoners alike, she was transferred at one point to a mental hospital by a prison warden who wanted to get rid of her. "When I saw all the crazy people wandering around in the hospital yard, I got really frightened. Fortunately, the doctor was Jewish. He pronounced me sane and ordered the prison guard to take me back to prison. I don't think there was ever a prisoner more pleased to be back in jail."

Shamir and Raziel-Naor spoke about the difficulties of being in prison when their young children needed them at home. Both women said they were sorry about their children's suffering, but didn't feel guilty because they knew their work in the underground was vital and that imprisonment was the price they had to pay. Shamir had gone on a hunger strike, demanding that her son be brought to the prison or that she be released to care for him. But in the end she was glad when a rabbi gave her a religious excuse to abandon her fast. She decided her son was still better off with the foster family (colleagues from the underground) who were caring for him.

Raziel-Naor, who gave birth to her daughter in prison but had two young sons outside, said she had not wanted her sons brought to visit her in prison. "I didn't want barbed wire to stick in a corner of their memory. They were born free and I wanted them to stay that way."

Likud MK Miriam Glaser Ta'asa took the opportunity to urge the U.S. government to release Anne Pollard because of her poor health.

Play must be shown, mayor says

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA – "I would not have chosen the Municipal Theatre's new play, *The Jerusalem Syndrome*, to open the original plays series of the state's 40th anniversary celebrations. But I will not have the city council interfere with the theatre's choice of repertoire," Mayor Arye Gurel said yesterday.

He was asked to comment on the controversy over the play, which has been damned by some politicians. On Sunday, the cabinet reviewed its inclusion in anniversary events.

The play has already started its run in the Municipal Theatre. Written by Yehoshua Sobol, it deals with nationalist extremism during the Jewish revolt in 70 CE, and there are obvious parallels with what's going on here today.

The final straw for some right-wing politicians is the appearance of an unidentified soldier in an IDF uniform who shoots a pregnant woman violating a curfew.

Gurel said he found the play and its staging, by Gedalya Besser, who with Sobol is joint artistic director of the theatre, "sophisticated." However, the play was not his cup of tea; and, although it is "thought-provoking, it does not portray the real situation."

Nevertheless, he will continue vigorously to oppose political interference with the repertoire because he believes that that sort of thing stifles art. It is up to the board of directors, including representatives of the municipality which financially supports the theatre, to review its repertoire. The city council should not dictate here, he said.

The theatre apparently relishes the controversy, having commercially exploited the scandals over its presentation of Sobol plays.

Israel TV discriminates, women's group charges

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel Television tends to discriminate against women, members of the Women's Lobby, headed by Dr. Alice Shalvi, yesterday told ITV department heads.

The meeting between the women and ITV policymakers, though conducted in a congenial atmosphere in the office of ITV chief Haim Yavin, brought to light the deep hurts felt by women who are tired of being cast in stereotyped roles or as sex objects.

Women's issues are not treated seriously or given the news coverage they deserve, the women charged.

When experts on politics, economics, or international affairs are invited to appear on any ITV forum or as newsroom guests, women are rarely included; and when they are, they are invariably outnumbered by men. Speaking from personal experience, Shalvi said that men are addressed by their titles, but the women are generally referred to as *geveret*. Shalvi's doctorate, or that of any other woman, is no less important than that of a man, and male interviewers have no right to deliberately overlook a woman's academic or other achievements, the women asserted.

They were also angry that in service announcements women continue to be portrayed as either sex objects or victims.

Yavin pledged that more attention would be paid in future to the women's complaints, but he declined to accept the services of a women's advisory committee. He will, however, arrange for future meetings between representatives of the Women's Lobby and ITV department heads, he said.

The women have made the news division their first target.

Accusations lodged in Ramat Gan campaign

By JONATHAN KARP
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV – The Likud candidate for mayor of Ramat Gan yesterday accused the present mayor, Uri Amit, of improper electioneering, and demanded that he return nearly NIS 43,000 in misused public funds to the city's treasury.

In a letter asking the State Comptroller to investigate the charge, attorney Moshe Meron (Likud-Liberal) alleged that Amit spent NIS 42,900 of the city's money on newspaper advertisements which were nothing more than election propaganda. He said that they praised Amit and dealt mainly with subjects that had no relevance to the municipality.

On November 30, for example, an advertisement appeared in *Davar* under the headline: "Back to the Historical Mapai." That ad alone cost the city NIS 3,000, Meron told *The Jerusalem Post*, claiming that he had seen the receipt. Amit placed other ads, made to appear like articles, in other Hebrew newspapers during the last few months, Meron said.

"They dealt with arguments between Amit and others in Labour and, of course, they attacked the Likud. That's normal, but there are limits, and the public should not have to pay for this from their taxes."

Neither Amit nor his spokesman was available for comment yesterday. The municipal elections are scheduled for November 1988.

Meron, who was a Ramat Gan city councillor for 10 years until 1977 and served for a while as deputy mayor under Israel Peled, said that Amit's alleged actions reminded him of Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel, who commissioned a pre-election pamphlet in 1983 listing his accomplishments.

In that case, the attorney-general had ruled that the material was campaign propaganda and ordered the Labour Party to repay about $29,000 of taxpayers' money.

Man of solid Rock

IN PERSON
BENNY MORRIS

"Your wisdom, energy and determination have been a constant source of inspiration to the people of Gibraltar. You have led them with calmness and courage through difficult times," Margaret Thatcher wrote Sir Joshua Hassan upon his resignation on December 11 from the post of chief minister of Gibraltar.

Hassan, taking a "long-deserved" vacation, is in Israel to attend his wife's niece's wedding. The bridegroom is from Kiryat Arba and Hassan spent last weekend in the settlement. "I was glad I went. On Saturday we walked down to the Cave of Machpela. I was there before, in 1972, but there wasn't [a West Bank] problem like there is now. There was a thick blanket of troops. Nothing happened." Hassan takes a fatalistic attitude towards what could have befallen him.

He declines to speak for the record about the West Bank and Gaza troubles or Israeli policies. Though retired, he finds it difficult to shake off the habits and mentality of a serving politician. "I cannot interefere in another country's internal affairs. It would not be courteous." Rather, he speaks vaguely of the need for "reconciliation and goodwill." Through concessions? "I didn't say that."

So I turn to the problem of Gibraltar, which Britain has ruled since the 18th century and which Spain, ever since, has claimed. Hassan, who is 72, seems to have been Gibraltar's leading politician almost as long.

A lawyer by profession, he was elected Gibraltar's mayor in 1945, was its legislative council's chief member from 1956 and served as its chief minister, save for three years, since 1964. Gibraltar is "virtually autonomous," with Britain controlling the island's foreign and defence affairs and internal security.

Hassan flatly denies that his resignation after 42 years in office had



Joshua Hassan (Universal)

anything to do with the recent agreement between Britain and Spain, allowing Spain air traffic rights and partial control in Gibraltar. "I supported the agreement but I felt that the time had come to let my deputy take over. Now I can do all those things that others take for granted and that I have been deprived of – reading, a little writing, travelling. I intend to take it easy. And I have time for my family."

Some 500 Jews live in Gibraltar, of a total population of 30,000. The Jewish community is closely knit and influential, and is respected by the Catholic majority. "I was always asked about Jewish holidays and festivals before dates for elections were set," he says.

Hassan headed the left-of-centre Labour Party, which believes in continued British rule plus autonomy. It has reached agreements with Spain that, while denying the Spaniards sovereignty, have eased tensions.

Gibraltar has experienced an enormous economic boom since the opening of the border with Spain in the late 1960s. "I agree in principle that British-Gibraltar relations are no business of Spain. But there are 40 million Spaniards next door [whom we must consider]."

He smilingly dismisses the "unrealistic, unwise" stance of the Socialists, the main opposition party, who oppose any dealing with Spain. "They argue that if you give them an inch, they will take a mile. They fear a process of osmosis [i.e., creeping annexation]. The Spaniards themselves are the best antidote to the fears about osmosis. With their extreme statements, they continuously put up the backs of the people of Gibraltar."

The late Spanish dictator, Francisco Franco, avoided war with Britain over Gibraltar, arguing that it would fall like "a ripe plum." "The plum is (still) very green," says Hassan.

The people of Gibraltar, effectively to a man, oppose a Spanish takeover, and Hassan describes such an eventuality as inconceivable. But he recognizes that the Spaniards will never officially give up their claim. Britain, for its part, according to the 1969 Gibraltar constitution, remains committed to the Rock: "HMG will never enter into arrangements under which the people of Gibraltar would come under the sovereignty of another state against their freely and democratically expressed wishes.

"So they [the Spaniards] will have to learn to live with the situation," says Hassan.

President Herzog weighing staying on for five more years

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Herzog has "postponed by a few days" his decision on whether to seek a second term in office. He said a few months ago that he would announce his decision before the end of 1987, but according to Beit Hanassi "he hasn't yet made up his mind and wants to consult his family first."

Herzog's first five-year term ends in May. If he decides to seek a second term, he is virtually guaranteed the support of a majority in the Knesset. A president can serve no more than two terms of five years each.

If he serves a second term, he will be the first president in many years to do so. The fourth president, Ephraim Katzir, decided to leave Beit Hanassi after one term, in order to return to his laboratory at the Weizmann Institute. The fifth president, Yitzhak Navon, also turned down a second term, preferring to go back into politics.

'Lunacy to give up the Golan Heights'

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Mary Eugenia Charles of Dominica yesterday told Prime Minister Shamir that it would be "lunacy" for Israel to ever give back the Golan Heights.

Charles, who came to bid farewell to the prime minister following a week-long visit here, was pleasantly surprised when Shamir gave her a three-day old copy of the *International Herald Tribune* in which she is depicted as a first-rate leader who has carried out the nearly impossible task of successful agrarian reform in her country, Dominica.

Still no light seen at end of tunnel for the Carmelit

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA – The deadline for the tender for the repair and renovation of the city's Carmelit subway has again been extended, this time to January 15. It had already been put off from November 15 to the end of this month.

Mayor Arye Gurel said yesterday that several foreign firms interested in the job had requested the extension to complete their bids. Included in the renovation programme are the trains, the 1,700 metre-long tunnel and the six stations, which connect the lower town with the Hadar and the central Carmel districts. It is a seven-minute ride on the Carmelit but takes between four and five times as long on the roads.

The Carmelit was closed a year ago and the 10,000 passengers it had transported daily, despite its dilapidated state, now contribute to the congestion on the streets.

Arab MKs are allowed to retain their language

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Arabic will continue to be one of the Knesset's two official languages, thanks to the objections of one of the Likud's most hawkish MKs to the proposal of another of its most hawkish MKs.

The proposer of the change, David Magen, who is the closest associate of Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, mustered a majority of the Likud faction executive for his private member's bill to stop the use of Arabic. Magen said his amendment, if it became law, would prevent "enemies of Israel like Mohammed Mi'ari [Progressive List for Peace] from making any more speeches from the rostrum in Arabic in support of the PLO."

But a minority of the Likud faction executive (three members of the Liberal wing) demanded a reconsideration of Magen's proposal "on principle." They were chairperson Sara Doron, Pinhas Goldstein, and Ariel Weinstein.

On the opposite side, another Liberal, Uriel Lynn, countered: "We have to underline the Jewish character of our state." Yigal Cohen of the La'am wing said: "Hebrew is the only language that should be allowed in Israel's parliament."

Magen meanwhile submitted his bill to the Knesset presidium. The presidium happened to be chaired yesterday by Meir Cohen-Avidov, who had no trouble getting the body to disqualify Magen's proposal *a priori*.

Cohen said that as long as Arabic is an official language in Israel it must be an official language in the Knesset as well.

"Anyway," he added, "Arabic happens to be my mother-tongue, and I like to throw in the occasional Arabic phrase or epithet, when I myself speak in the Knesset. I want to keep that privilege."

Weapons training

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HERZLIYA – High school pupils here will soon undergo training in firearms and self-defence, Mayor Eli Landau announced yesterday.

The mayor pointed to the need to improve schoolchildren's self-defence skills following the recent, nearly fatal, attack on two youths in Ramat Hasharon, and the reduction of Gadna para-military instruction in the school system.

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New political era begins for Zimbabwe as Mugabe becomes executive president

HARARE (Reuter) – "I think the ayes have it," murmurs the speaker. Honourable members arise from their green leather benches, pick up their copies of Hansard, and file out to the tearoom. Another bill has become law in Zimbabwe's parliament.

After seven years of British-style government, Zimbabwe's political scene is being given a new look by the merger of its two main parties and the creation of a powerful new executive president.

When Prime Minister Robert Mugabe is elected president tomorrow by parliament, he will become head of a one-party state publicly committed to socialism under Marxist-Leninist principles.

But the words hide the political reality of a country run on capitalist lines and whose leaders owe more to Methodism than to Marx.

Mugabe, 63, is slated to be sworn in as president at a public ceremony in Zimbabwe's new Chinese-built national sports stadium on December 31, marking the climax of six months of political spring-cleaning. When Zimbabwe won independence from Britain in 1980, it promised not to introduce major constitutional reforms for seven years.

After this period expired, Mugabe's first move was to abolish reserved seats in parliament for whites, seen by most people as an anachronism and an obstacle to the government's policy of reconciliation between the races. Many white members who said an emotional farewell to parliament found themselves to their surprise back in their seats a few weeks later, nominated by Mugabe's ruling Zanu-PF Party.

While the whites were reassured, the opposition Zapu leader Joshua Nkomo jibed that the ruling party should rename itself Zanu-rf – the initials of the far-right Rhodesian Front Party whose leader Ian Smith led the unilateral declaration of independence (UDI) from Britain in 1965.



Executive president of Zimbabwe Robert Mugabe (Reuter)

NEXT CAME the reform abolishing the office of prime minister and giving Zimbabwe an executive president, a shift away from a Westminster-style system to one resembling that in other African countries. This change, like the abolition of the white seats, is widely seen as one of political symbol rather than substance.

Mugabe's third move – easily the most important of the three – was to reopen the merger talks with Zapu, which he suspended in April. Nkomo was left with little choice but to settle quickly on terms which amounted to the takeover of his party by Zanu-PF, which will also be the name of the new merged party.

Agreement was announced on December 22, allowing Mugabe's name to go forward as sole candidate for the presidency. The pact will give Zapu politicians a foothold in government for the first time since Mugabe sacked them in 1982 and has been widely welcomed as a step toward national unity.

Zimbabweans hope the unity pact will remove grassroots support for scattered groups of armed rebels, called dissidents, who have killed white farmers and government officials in Matabeleland and Midlands provinces.

The government has linked the dissidents with Zapu, a charge Nkomo has always denied but one which has weakened his movement politically.

The worst massacre of all came a month ago when 16 members of a white Christian community were hacked to death by dissidents outside Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second city and the capital of Matabeleland.

Businessmen and farmers in Bulawayo hope the merger will solve the security problem and lead to a revival of both government and private investment in their city, in danger of becoming a ghost town. Security problems are only one reason for Zimbabwe's growing economic woes, headed by lack of investment and failure to create new jobs for thousands of school-leavers.

The business community, still largely dominated by 100,000 whites, has learned not to take government professions of Marxism-Leninism at face value, though it sees them as one more deterrent to badly-needed foreign investment.

The Shining Path to Peru's cocaine fields

TOCACHE, Peru (AP) – The lush green hills that look down on this raw frontier town in Peru's highland jungle conceal columns of Shining Path guerrillas on the prowl for profits from cocaine trafficking.

Since the beginning of the year, the rebels of the Maoist guerrilla movement have entered into a deadly alliance with drug dealers, according to peasants involved in the illegal trade and to police.

The pact has brought a new level of violence to the upper Huallaga River Valley – the world's greatest source of coca, the plant used to make cocaine.

Counter-insurgency experts say involvement in the illegal drug trade has helped Shining Path, until now poorly armed in its seven-year insurgency, build a war chest for the acquisition of sophisticated weapons. They estimate the rebels have already accumulated as much as $7 million after only a few months.

The violence has included clashes between rival gangs of narcotics traffickers, with the Shining Path siding with key emigrés like "the Vampire," the Cocaine King of Tocache.

"Sendero Luminoso" – as the group is called in Spanish – also has battled another rebel band, the pro-Cuban Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, for control of the valley.

With the aid of the Vampire's hired killers, the Maoist rebels expelled their rival revolutionaries from the valley after an ambush outside Tocache in March that towns people say left at least 40 dead.

Local residents and police call the powerful, muddy Huallaga River "the biggest cemetery in the valley." They say that during the past year, barely a day has passed without a bullet-riddled body floating swiftly downstream past riverfront villages.

The "Carretera Marginal," the valley's principal highway, also has been strewn with its share of the dead. "Some days as many as three bodies are seen along the highway," said cab driver Pascual Rojas.

Tingo Maria, with 75,000 people, is the biggest town in the valley. It is located 370 km. northeast of Lima on the eastern slopes of the Andes and is the starting point of the Jungle Highway 128 km. south of here.

For the past year, taxi drivers have refused to travel the road to Tocache after dark.

IN AUGUST, the highway was cut in dozens of places by ditches that have only recently been filled in by road crews. The guerrillas also dynamited three bridges and vehicles must now ford the streams they spanned.

Eight km. outside Tingo Maria, the Shining Path announces its presence. For the next 40 km., until the town of Aucayacu, long stretches of pavement and every single building along the way have been painted in blood-red revolutionary slogans and hammer-and-sickle symbols:

"Death to the genocida! Alan Garcia" [Peru's president]. "Long live Presidente Gonzalo" [the rebels' name for Shining Path founder and leader Abimael Guzman]. "Death to the Yankees – they will find their tombs here" – a reference to U.S. narcotics agents taking part in anti-drug raids in the valley.

The Shining Path guerrilla organization launched a rural insurgency in the highland state of Ayacucho in 1980 to topple Peru's government and install a peasant and workers state patterned after the ideas of China's Mao Tse-Tung. Since then the violence has spread through the mountains, down to Peru's coastal cities and now into the jungle, claiming more than 10,000 lives.

The upper Huallaga Valley is hemmed in by jagged peaks at its southern end but broadens to 30 km. as the swift-flowing river drops a thousand feet by the time it reaches the town of Juanjui 240 km. to the north. The valley floor is covered with luxuriant tropical vegetation and the coca grown on the hillsides produces the world's best-quality cocaine.

Tens of thousands of impoverished highland peasants have poured into the valley since the early 1970s to grow coca to meet the soaring U.S. demand for cocaine. The peasants turn the coca leaves into dough-like paste in crude processing pits in the jungle. "Narcotraficantes" – the local drug chieftains and their hired gunmen – collect the paste and market it to Colombian buyers who arrive in small planes at dozens of airstrips scattered throughout the valley.

In Colombia, international narcotics organizations refine the paste into pure cocaine for smuggling to the U.S. and Europe.

The huge profits from the cocaine trade and the campesinos' resentment of a U.S.-financed coca eradication campaign have combined to draw the Shining Path into the valley, according to peasants, priests, police, teachers and community development workers in the area.

Eastern bloc countries realise slowly but painfully that money is what makes the world go round

Communists cash in on a capital idea

MARK FRANKLAND/London

A SPECTRE will haunt Eastern Europe in 1988. Its name is money.

After four decades of making believe that political will is enough to build a modern society, most of Europe's Communist rulers are trying to remember where they stored the traditional economic tools. Profit and loss, cost and price, supply and demand and reward and punishment – these and all the other once supposedly superfluous characters from the capitalist drama of the market are to be fitted out in hopefully decent Communist dress and propelled across the national stage.

If all goes well, a gorgeously costumed hero will appear in the final act – money, as good as gold, as good even as Deutschmarks and yen. The days will be over when feeble Communist currencies cowered within a fortress of regulations, their worthlessness proclaimed for all to see by the hard currency stores that had to be set up throughout the bloc.

Although the outline of the plot is the same, each country is writing its own script. The Poles and Hungarians have advanced farthest. Next year Poland will increase retail prices by a quarter. It would have been almost twice that if November's referendum had not failed to give the government a majority for more rapid reform.

The increase is a step towards matching prices with real costs. The Hungarians will pursue the same logic by bringing in income tax and VAT in one swoop. For the first time in its life, the government will have to live off accountable tax revenues.

Czechoslovakia, equipped with its new, in name at least, party leader, Milos Jakes, will follow some distance behind the flamboyant Poles and flexible Hungarians. Both are driven by despair: they know how bad their predicament is. Since the present Czechoslovak leadership, Jakes concluded, is the one that got the country into its predicament, it has a natural reluctance to admit any reason for despair.

Nevertheless, government economists can be found in Prague who deliver the Czech version of Cassandra's message for Eastern Europe: unless you change, and change fast, you will become not just a European but a global backwater. The message has not got through to President Ceausescu in Romania – one can no longer be sure what does get through to him – though there are certainly Romanians who understand it but keep quiet.

Ceausescu's obstinacy nevertheless has roots in an honourable tradition. Earlier this month he insisted he did grasp "the role of economic laws" but that it was wrong to leave "socio-economic development" to the law of supply and demand, that is, market laws." Unfortunately, he is unable to give a good example of harnessing economic forces to social ends.

The argument sounds better from East Germany, whose industry and living conditions are good enough to make a Romanian, perhaps even a Pole, weep with envy. The East Germans have been insolent in their unwillingness to kneel at the altar of *perestroika* (restructuring). Their economic achievement (compared with the East not the West) is the most obvious reason but just as important could be their understanding of the limitations of a system created by the will of a minority supported by the Soviet army.

Real money is all very well, but what happens when it begins to elbow the party from the centre of the stage? Democracy sounds nice but how many Communists in Eastern Europe belive a Communist government could be popularly elected in their lifetime?

The Germans' lack of enthusiasm for the Gorbachev changes suggest they understand it is one thing for a Soviet leader to try to reform what is after all a thoroughly Soviet system and quite another for East Berlin or Prague to reform what is also, in its essentials, a thoroughly Soviet system. Is it surprising that throughout Eastern Europe there are people who do not believe it can be done and who ask, some in hope, others in gloom: after money, what next?

(London Observer Service)

Arms cuts force Gorbachev's hand

ANDREW WILSON/MOSCOW

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV bought time, but nothing more, at the Washington summit – time in which to consolidate the credibility of his leadership before the party and people.

He has shown at last that he can achieve results in the international sphere. But the relief to the economy from scrapping medium-range missiles is marginal.

Both to extend his authority in domestic matters, and to achieve some real relief for the civil economy, it is absolutely necessary to move on to strategic arms cuts.

To get the projected 50 per cent cut on which he has set his sights, he is prepared to be accommodating about the precise interpretation of the existing Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, but he has gone too far now to backtrack on his condition that such a cut be accompanied by an American undertaking to hold off from full-scale introduction of the Strategic Defence initiative. All this makes a strategic arms treaty in 1988 far from certain.

To achieve the economic targets that Gorbachev and the party have set for the year 2000, it will also be necessary to make large reductions in conventional arms. But there are no signs yet of any proposal for reducing the five million men in the Soviet armed forces, or modifying the two-year military conscription programme.

An immediately popular move – and one which Gorbachev would dearly like to make – would be the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan. Soviet plans appear to envisage the reinstatement of an old-fashioned buffer state, internationally guaranteed, with its economic development fuelled by Western or Third World capital under a semblance of socialist control.

But Moscow cannot risk the establishment of a fundamentalist Islamic regime on what is probably its most sensitive border. There can be no withdrawal without the Western-backed Mujahideen – and reasonable assurance that the Afghan Communist Party does not again fall victim to internal feuds.

IN CONTRAST to the great changes that *glasnost* has made in the Soviet arts and press (above all the now quite explicit denunciation of Stalinism in literature and the cinema) and moves to rectify history by the rehabilitaiton of Bukunin and other early revolutionary figures, Gorbachev has still not been able to show concrete results from *perestroika* (restructuring) to the Soviet consumer.

For many people, the only changes have been higher prices, harder work and reduced pay (because of rationalization and stricter manufacturing quality control).

Nevertheless, *perestroika* continues and, in what Gorbachev now realizes is going to be a very long haul against inertia and bureaucracy, first on the list of agenda will be education and agriculture. There are also moves to reconstruct the abysmally corrupt and inefficient health service.

The litmus test of whether *perestroika* is bound for success or failure will come with the party conference (a special event, in this case likely to be even more significant than last year's 27th congress) in July.

What the conference endorses will set the country's policy, internationally and domestically, for the remainder of the century. If, by the time it is held, Gorbachev has put enough of his supporters into key middle-rank party posts to carry things forward, the prospects will be good – not for achieving all that is promised for the year 2000, but for being on the way to them some time in the next century. If not, the country is in train for another period of stagnation – and, actually or in effect, a different leadership.

On the broad international front, Soviet policy is everywhere interested in creating the stability necessary to the country's progress with internal reforms. This includes the Gulf, Southeast Asia and relations with China. Above all, there seems to be a good intention not to let client states, like Gaddafi's Libya, again drag the Soviet Union into situations from which it can draw neither profit nor prestige.

(London Observer Service)



A Chinese justice ministry spokesman yesterday denied reports that Mao Tse-tung's widow, 73-year-old Jiang Quing had been released from prison and was living in a Peking villa. Jiang was the leader of the "Gang of Four" which tried to resist social reforms after her husband's death. Jiang is seen here during her trial in 1980-81. (Reuter)



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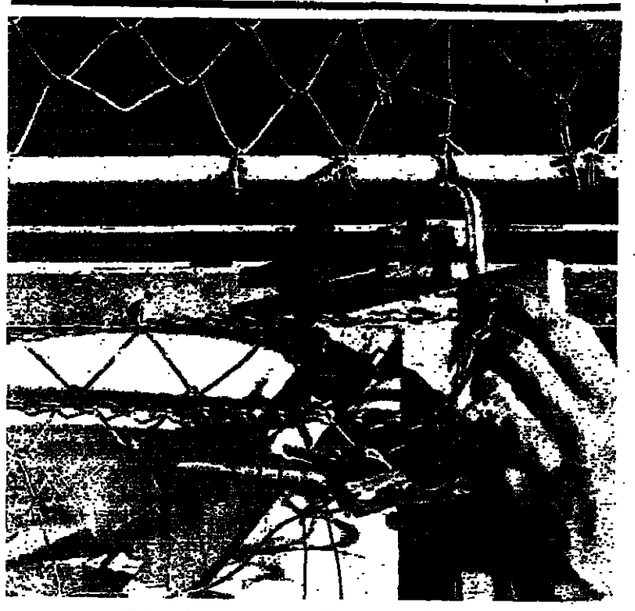
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Saving Israel's youth in distress

Lea Levavi discoveres Elem, the association for helping youth in distress in Israel. Apart from being partly funded by friends in the U.S., Elem also benefits from having American friends getting involved in the actual workings of the organization.



AMERICANS and Israelis are joining forces to help local youngsters with criminal records become rehabilitated.

"Usually, organizations abroad raise the money and the organizations here spend it," explained Ann Bialkin, founder and president of Elem (which stands for the Association for Youth in Distress in Israel). "In our organization there is complete partnership, with both Israelis and Americans involved personally, professionally and financially in making policy – not just giving money."

Bialkin, a former New York family court social worker who lives in the U.S., became aware of the problems of delinquent youth in Israel when she met local Juvenile Court Judge Saviona Rotlevy in New York.

"The statistics here are the same as in the States and everywhere else: About 10 per cent of youth can be defined as 'youth in distress,' but Israel can afford this less than other countries," she explained while on a recent visit here.

Many organizations in Israel help these "distressed" youngsters – usually teenagers who neither work nor attend school – but services for those with court records are very limited, Bialkin discovered.

"We came here to see the situation for ourselves and our conclusion was that there was a need for community-based hostels where these kids could be rehabilitated. The government's Youth Protection Authority provided institutions far from their homes. Sometimes, a youth was helped in such an institution, but when he was released and came home, he couldn't cope," she said.

AFTER HER visit, Bialkin and a group of other interested Americans and Israelis formed Elem in 1981 in the U.S. and a parallel organization was established here, headed by Yochanan Wozner, an experienced worker in the field and a former dean of the Tel Aviv University School of Social Work.

Today, Elem runs four hostels for delinquent boys in Kiryat Gat, Ashkelon, Beersheba and Jerusalem. Its first hostel for girls, in Haifa, will open soon. The organization also runs smaller community projects to help boys and girls who are not yet in the care of the courts. These include anything from "big brother" programmes to training in hairdressing.

As for the boys living in the hostels, the initial goal was to place them all in IDF-sponsored workshops and keep them there until they were old enough to do their army service.

"We soon discovered that the army workshops are a good beginning – a place where the kids can't fail and where they learn good work habits. But if we want them to learn a trade, we have to send them to apprenticeship programmes in the community after they've learned the basics at the workshops."

The final goal for the youths is, according to Bialkin, regular army service which they complete on an individual basis, mainstreamed into the IDF, not as a group in the army's special programmes for disadvantaged youth.

"We understand the army's desire to raise its standards but our goal is to prepare our boys well and then say, 'Please give them a chance because if not, they will be disenfranchised citizens,' " she said.

Two-thirds of the expense of running Elem's hostels and programmes are financed by the government. The organization contributes the remaining third, mostly in the form of enrichment services such as additional social work and psychological services, trips, training courses for staff and, soon to be implemented computer courses. Elem funds are also used to give the youths cash bonuses for good behaviour, and for achievements at school or on the job.

"Just as our partnership between Americans and Israelis is unique, our partnership with the government here is also special," added Bialkin. "We don't just pay the bills; every project we do, inside and outside of the hostels, is decided upon jointly by representatives of Elem and of the government Youth Protection Authority."

Some projects have the double aim of helping the youngsters directly while, at the same time, helping them indirectly by raising public awareness of the "forgotten" minority of young people with court records.

"Take the Council for a Beautiful Israel, for example. They probably didn't even know Youth Protection Authority institutions existed, but when we suggested having a beautification campaign in these institutions (including the Elem hostels), they agreed readily. During the three months of the campaign, there was a tremendous drop in problems of bad behaviour and runaways. The kids were simply too busy beautifying their homes ... Israelis are caring people; if you bring the problem to their attention, they are very willing to help."

So why is so little known about Elem? "Until now," Bialkin explained, "I have been very reluctant about publicity. I felt we should do something for these kids before we start tooting our horn. Now that we've gotten somewhere, and are going to get even further, I decided maybe it's time we were better known."

One of the things which convinced her of the need for publicity was the fact that a few months ago, she received a medal for volunteerism from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs – marking the first time a non-Israeli has been awarded this distinction.

"I see that as proof of our uniqueness as an organization. Too many American Jews think Israelis just want their money. If someone would get them more involved personally and professionally in what's happening in this country, I think they would be a valuable asset to Israel."

(For more information concerning Elem and its activities, call 03-418792.)

Fleas, soon a thing of the past

THE HEALTH SCAN

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

CUSTOMIZING shoes for soldiers and equipping army boots with a cushion in the heel could drastically reduce the incidence of muscular ruptures due to exertion in the army.

So says Prof. Mirtza Arkan of the engineering faculty of Tel Aviv University. Most people, he notes, wear shoes that are unsuited to the type of work they are doing.

"The challenge of the future is to design customized shoes suited uniquely to each person," says the professor, adding that the bio-medical engineering lab of the university is now conducting experiments in cooperation with the Israel Defence Forces in an effort to reduce the number of foot problems among soldiers.

Prof. Arkan was quoted in *Maccabiion*, the Maccabi health fund newsletter, as claiming that the extensive use of cars and elevators to reduce physical exertion has lead to a general weakening of our muscles. The back and legs are the most susceptible to these problems, and are much weaker than in the past when people walked long distances and climbed stairs.

He adds that a sophisticated device in the lab enables researchers to locate dangerous pressure points that affect the back and feet and will help in the designing of customized footwear.

NEVER DRINK water that you heat from the hot-water faucet, recommends an American chemist. Instead, heat the water from your cold-water tap. Dr. Gerald Shrauzer of the University of California at San Diego explains that as water runs through the pipes, it picks up poisonous substances like cadmium and lead. Hot water attracts these substances more than cold water. If you drink or cook with hot water directly from the tap, long-time use could result in damage to the kidneys or to the brain, warns the professor.

Meanwhile, a physician from Johns Hopkins University recommends never to drink the cold water that first comes out of the faucet in the morning. Instead, he says, let it run a minute or two. Harmful substances, he explains, accumulate in the pipes overnight and should be flushed out.



HANG IN THERE FIDO! – Dogs wont have to suffer the burden of fleas for much longer, according to Cornell University scientists (Hanoch Guthmann)

PEOPLE WHO empty their bladders as soon as they feel they have to urinate suffer from "less bladder cancer" than those who "hold it in" unnecessarily. A group of unnamed Israeli researchers have reached this conclusion, quoted in the Israeli journal *Mada*.

They found that rural people urinate more frequently than city people; considering the shortage of public toilets, this is not a surprise. Urban residents not only have higher rates of bladder cancer than country people, but their urine is much more concentrated than that of rural residents who apparently drink more liquids.

Admitting that other variables may be involved, the researchers suggest that the longer presence of urine in the body, and the greater pressure on the bladder are responsible for greater susceptibility to bladder cancer.

IF YOU'RE middle-aged and suffer from bad teeth, you may still have a chance of getting a new, natural set – that is, if you live to the age of 100.

An Egyptian man, Hassan al-Mograbi, was recently found to be the oldest living person in the world. He claims to have been born in 1830, and experts who have questioned him on events that took place when he was young now believe him. He gave detailed testimony about the crowning of Abbas I as ruler of Egypt in 1848.

Egyptian officials offered him a cigarette, but he politely refused, saying he had kicked the habit eight months before because he wanted "to live a long life" and had heard that smoking is bad for one's health. He also gave up drinking tea and coffee two years ago.

Last year he suffered from intense pains in his gums. His old teeth began falling out, and to his surprise, he discovered that "baby teeth" had taken their place. The rector of the Cairo University dental school was queried, and said that indeed, a second set of milk teeth sometimes appear in people over the age of 100.

A POPULAR encylopedia on family health, divided into six volumes, has just been produced by Sagi Publishing. The Hebrew publication, called *The Encyclopedia for the Health of the Modern Family*, deals with child development and health; how to look good; medical problems; health and sex; how the body works and how to help protect your body from disease; and modern medical technology and treatments. Six more volumes are being prepared.

DOGS AND cats have something to celebrate: The demise of the flea is nearly upon us.

Researchers at Cornell University's college of veterinary medicine have succeeded in raising fleas on "artificial cogs." These devices bear little resemblance to real canines, says an article in the monthly magazine *American Health*. But the machines have enabled scientists to collect flea eggs along with adult fleas – something that is difficult or impossible to do with real dogs or cats.

The research will help determine the amount of animal blood essential for feeding fleas and will explain how they reproduce so rapidly. With more information on flea biology, the scientists hope to develop a flea vaccine. They have already learned that fleas – legendary for their jumping ability – are much stronger when they walk: When they jump, they don't feed so they die, says parasitologist Susan Wade.

THE WORLD Health Organization has launched an international study in major American and European cities on the rapidly-emerging problem of Aids among intravenous drug-users. It is the first international study of its kind.

"If we're really going to understand drug-users' motivations and methods to prevent Aids, then we need to study the drug-users' social, cultural and legal environment," says Dr. Manuel Carballo, head of the project.

The WHO is also urging governments and prison authorities around the world to carefully consider recommendations it has prepared to prevent and deal with Aids infection in prisons. Among the recommendations are distribution of condoms among inmates, early release of terminally ill Aids patients, and testing for the virus on request, with results kept confidential.

A CONSUMER group in the U.S. has claimed that a newly-developed "fat" substitute that has no calories is potentially carcinogenic. Called Olestra, the substance is being developed by the U.S. food giant, Proctor and Gamble. According to a recent report in Britain's *New Scientist*, Olestra passes straight through the alimentary canal without being absorbed, so consumers can eat normally high-calorie foods like cakes without added calories.

Olestra is not yet on sale, but a group of consumer activists, led by Michael Jackson of the U.S. Centre for Science in the Public Interest, claim that a two-year study by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has found a high rate of cancer in rats fed with Olestra. Proctor and Gamble maintains that the results are "statistically insignificant."

Wizo fundraising campaign gets under way next week

WIZO officials hope to raise NIS 2.5 million in the organization's annual fund-raising campaign, which will be officially launched at the Knesset next Monday (Jan. 4).

Ruth Tekoah, chairman of Wizo Israel, explains that the money contributed will help support a wide range of already-existent (and planned) activities and institutions – from after-school clubs for disadvantaged children, to shelters for teenage girls in distress and for battered women, to legal aid services, to various lecture and training programmes.

What about Wizo's best-known service, its day-care centres? These are run by World Wizo, says Tekoah, and the campaign is not meant to support them. However, any offer from a donor willing to earmark $70,000 to run one such centre for a year would be gratefully received.

"From our day-care centres alone, 7,000 children had to be turned away this year. Perhaps there is some generous person who understands the importance of helping mothers go out to work, and of giving children an educational experience in their early years, who would like to give money specifically for that purpose."

The campaign is divided into two parts: the popular door-to-door fundraiser, and gala dinners, fashion shows, house parties and other events designed to attract larger-scale donors.

"Raising money in private homes is something we would like to do more often because there is no expense to Wizo and whatever people contribute is net profit," says Helena Glaser, head of the organization's fundraising department.

The chairman of the campaign this year is Shalom Singer, the new general manager of the First International Bank. His speech at the official opening of the campaign at the Knesset, to be held under the auspices of the minister of labour and social affairs, will focus on how the economic situation abroad influences giving and why more fundraising within Israel is necessary.

Glaser stresses that fundraising at home is very important no matter how much money can be raised abroad, adding that "Wizo Israel is in fourth place among the 50 Wizo federations in the amount of money we raise. That gives us the moral right to ask Wizo federations abroad to raise moe money." *L.L.*

Committed to baroque

MUSIC REVIEW

HEIDELBERG CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. Klaus Preis, conductor and harpsichord; Andreas Weiss, clarinet; Renata Norcia, Liz Macintosh, Alice Bodmer and Jonathan Storer, violins; Christian Otto, viola; Rosemary Quinn, cello and Jaume Saksela, bass. (Haifa Museum, December 22) Bach: Concerto in D minor for 2 Violins; Mozart: Clarinet Quintet in A major, K.581; Vivaldi: "The Winter"; Pachelbel: Canon for 3 Violins and Bass; Vivaldi: Concerto in B minor for 4 Violins; Telemann: Concerto for Clarinet, Cello and Orchestra.

ONE CAN only admire the zeal of the ensemble, a cosmopolitan group whose members meet and work at Heidelberg under the direction of Klaus Preis.

This mostly Baroque programme included some lesser known works as the Pachelbel canon the Telemann concerto.

Among the soloists, Andreas Weiss rendered a conscientiously solo of the Mozart "Stadler" quintet, displaying musical and technical ability. The strings were not always clear and lacked a unanimity of purpose.

The rest of the programme was played with commitment and showed good team-work. Jonathan Storer performed "Winter" solo from Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" well, and Norcia and Macintosh distinguished themselves in the Bach concerto. Preis gave interesting and humorous explanations that helped to create an informal atmosphere.

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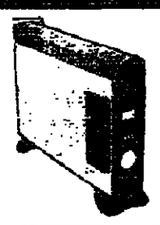
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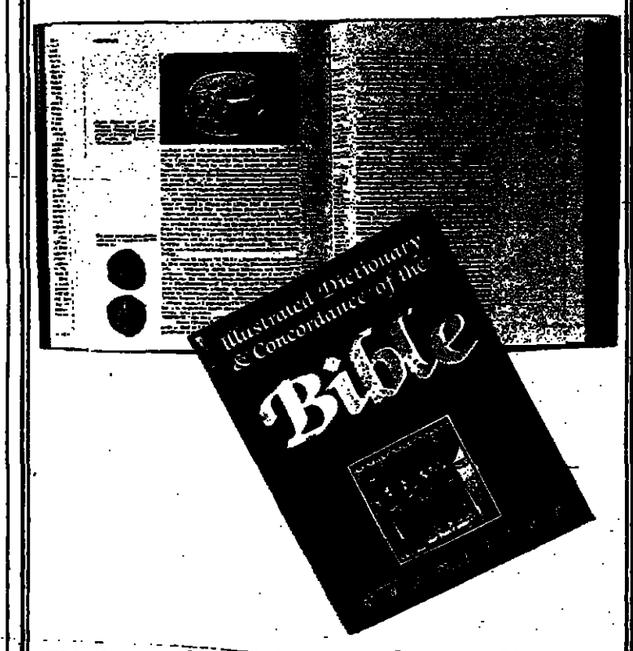
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Oilers, Vikings clinch last wild-card berths

Chaotic NFL season heads into playoffs

NEW YORK (AP) – Wide receiver Jerry Rice and three running backs, veteran Eric Dickerson and rookies Alonzo Highsmith and Paul Palmer, settled the final NFL playoffs spots Sunday.

Rice capped his record-breaking year with two touchdown passes to help lead the San Francisco 49ers to a 48-0 victory over the Los Angeles Rams and the NFC West Division title.

Dickerson rushed for 196 yards and scored twice to lead the Indianapolis Colts to a 24-6 victory over Tampa Bay and the AFC East title.

Charles White of the Rams won the NFL's individual rushing title with a 95-yard performance against the 49ers that gave him 1,374 yards for the season.

Highsmith scored the first two touchdowns of his NFL career as the Houston Oilers downed Cincinnati 21-17 and clinched the final AFC wild-card berth.

Palmer returned a kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown as Kansas City upset Seattle 41-20, giving the Denver Broncos the AFC West Division title.

Minnesota got the final NFC wild card when the Dallas Cowboys, with Herschel Walker scoring twice, beat the St. Louis Cardinals 21-16.

The regular season was to wind up late last night with New England at Miami.

On Saturday, Washington edged Minnesota 27-24 in overtime and Cleveland defeated Pittsburgh 19-13 to win the AFC Central title.

49ers 48, Rams 0

Rice finished the regular season with 23 touchdowns, 22 on receptions and one rushing. That left him one short of the NFL single-season record of 24 touchdowns set by Washington fullback John Riggins in 1983. He set league records with his 22 scoring receptions and also by catching touchdown passes in 13 consecutive games.

Colts 24, Bucs 6

Dickerson, whose midseason acquisition transformed Indianapolis into a serious contender, led the Colts to the AFC East title and their first playoff berth in a decade. Dickerson was supported by a defence that never let Tampa Bay inside their 20 and held the Bucs to two field goals.

Oilers 21, Bengals 17

Highsmith, a contract holdout for the first eight games of the season, caught a 33-yard touchdown pass from Warren Moon and ran one yard for another score. The Oilers, 9-6, last made the playoffs in 1980.

Chiefs 41, Seahawks 20

Palmer's 92-yard kickoff return highlighted a big-play day for Kansas City as the Chiefs dropped the Seahawks to 9-6 and forced them onto the road next week as a wild-card entry in the playoffs.

Cowboys 21, Cardinals 16

Herschel Walker rushed for 137 yards, scored two touchdowns and played the perfect decoy on Steve Pelluer's game-deciding five-yard touchdown run as Dallas killed St. Louis' playoff hopes. The loss by the Cardinals gave the remaining NFC wild-card spot to the Minnesota Vikings.

Saints 33, Packers 24

Morten Andersen kicked four first-half field goals and Dalton Hilliard sparked a three-touchdown second half as New Orleans closed out the team's most successful season with their victory over Green Bay.

Broncos 24, Chargers 0

Rookie Kevin Clark returned a punt 71 yards for a touchdown and the Denver Broncos, letting a blizzard protect their early lead, clinched the home field advantage throughout the playoffs by defeating San Diego.

Bears 6, Raiders 3

Kevin Butler's 30 yard field goal, his second three-pointer of the game, gave Chicago their victory over the Los Angeles Raiders and assured them of a home game in the NFC semifinals the weekend of January 9-10.

Eagles 17, Bills 7

Randall Cunningham completed 16 of 21 passes for 177 yards and a touchdown and Keith Byars ran for 102 yards as Philadelphia capped their best season since 1981.

Giants 20, Jets 7

Phil Simms threw for two touchdowns as the New York Giants ended one of the worst seasons ever by a Super Bowl champion by defeating the New York Jets. In less than 12 months, the Giants, 6-9, went from NFL champions to last place in the NFC East.

Lions 30, Falcons 13

Gary Ellerson scored twice on short runs and Eddie Murray added three field goals to power Detroit over Atlanta. The Falcons finished the season with the worst record in the NFL.

Seattle's Largent sets reception record

KANSAS CITY – Steve Largent of the Seattle Seahawks became the NFL's all-time reception leader with his 751st catch Sunday, breaking the mark of 750 previously held by Charlie Joiner.

Largent, a 12-year veteran from Tulsa, took a swing pass in the flat and went three yards in the second quarter of the Seahawks' regular season finale against Kansas City. He finished the game with 752.

Largent also extended his NFL record with a reception in his 152nd straight game. Largent entered the game needing five catches. 201 yards and six receiving touchdowns to become the career leader in all three.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE EAST

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pf	Pa
Indianapolis	9	6	0	.600	300	238
Miami	8	6	0	.571	352	311
New England	7	7	0	.500	296	283
Buffalo	7	8	0	.467	270	305
Jets	6	9	0	.400	334	360
CENTRAL						
Cleveland	10	5	0	.667	390	239
Houston	9	6	0	.600	345	349
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	285	299
Cincinnati	4	11	0	.267	285	360
WEST						
Denver	10	4	1	.700	379	288
Seattle	9	6	0	.600	371	314
San Diego	8	7	0	.533	253	317
LA Raiders	5	10	0	.333	301	289
Kansas City	4	11	0	.267	273	388

NATIONAL CONFERENCE EAST

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pf	Pa
Washington	11	4	0	.733	379	285
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	340	348
Philadelphia	7	8	0	.467	362	368
St. Louis	7	8	0	.467	337	380
N.Y. Giants	6	9	0	.400	280	312
CENTRAL						
Chicago	11	4	0	.733	356	282
Minnesota	8	7	0	.533	326	335
Green Bay	5	9	1	.367	253	300
Tampa Bay	4	11	0	.267	286	360
Detroit	4	11	0	.267	269	384
WEST						
San Francisco	13	2	0	.867	459	253
New Orleans	12	3	0	.800	422	283
LA Rams	6	9	0	.400	317	361
Atlanta	3	12	0	.200	205	436



CANNONBALL – QPR's Mark Falco rockets a shot past cringing Billy Whitehurst of Oxford United to score his first goal in the match at Loftus Road in London yesterday. Rangers won 3-2. (Reuter telephoto)

Liverpool show no mercy

LONDON (Reuter) – Liverpool completed a pitiless Christmas programme when they beat Newcastle 4-0 yesterday – their 10th win in 11 home league games this season – to maintain a 10-point lead at the top of the English First Division.

Steve McMahon, after only four minutes, John Aldridge, with two second-half goals, and Ray Houghton, two minutes from the end, scored the goals that extended Liverpool's unbeaten start to the season to 21 matches.

Second-placed Nottingham Forest were also in fine goal-scoring form, winning 4-1 at home against Coventry after Cyrille Regis had given the visitors the lead in the 25th minute.

Tommy Gaynor put Forest on the road back with goals in the 30th and 72nd minutes and Brian Burrows, with an own goal, and Terry Wilson completed Coventry's destruction.

Liverpool now have 53 points having completed exactly half their league games while Forest, who have played one match fewer, have 43 points, three ahead of Arsenal who were beaten 3-1 at Wimbledon.

Manchester United took over fourth place from Everton with a 2-1 home win over the champions, Brian McClair scoring both their goals to take his tally to 16 since joining United from Glasgow Celtic before the start of the season.

With 38 points from 21 matches, United are just two behind Arsenal with a game in hand.

Liverpool, who won 3-0 at Oxford on Saturday to set a club record of 20 unbeaten league matches, showed no sign of faltering in their quest for a 17th league title.

McMahon, the attacking midfielder who completed the win at Oxford with a thunderous goal from 30 metres, swept them into the lead with another fierce shot from the edge of the area that reinforced his claim to be included in England's 1988 European championship side.

Aldridge's first goal, in the 49th minute, was a disputed penalty after he appeared to slip but his second from Peter Beardsley's pass was without blemish, the ball deftly side-footed home, and Houghton took advantage of Newcastle's rapidly-evaporating morale to claim his late goal.

DIVISION THREE – Blackpool 1, Notts County 1; Bristol City 5, Brighton 2; Chesterfield 2, Walsall 1; Fulham 2, Brentford 2; Grimsby 3, Port Vale 1; Northampton 0, Bury 0; Rotherham 1, Doncaster Rovers 0; Southend 4, Bristol Rovers 2; Sunderland 1, Preston North End 1; Wigan Athletic 1, Chester 2; York City 2, Mansfield Town 2.

DIVISION FOUR – Bolton Wanderers 2, Stockport County 1; Cambridge United 1, Scarborough 0; Carlisle United vs Halifax Town postponed; Darlington 4, Burnley 2; Leyton Orient 1, Scunthorpe United 1; Rochdale 0, Hartlepool United 2; Swansea City 1, Torquay United 1; Tranmere Rovers 3, Peterborough United 1; Wolves 3, Exeter City 0; Wrexham 0, Hereford United 0.

DIVISION ONE – Liverpool 4, Newcastle United 0; Luton Town 1, Charlton Athletic 0; Manchester United 2, Everton 1; Norwich City 3, Chelsea 0; Nottingham Forest 4, Coventry City 1; Portsmouth 1, Watford 1; Queens Park Rangers 3, Oxford United 2; Sheffield Wednesday 2, Derby County 1; Tottenham Hotspur 2, West Ham United 1; Wimbledon 3, Arsenal 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	21	16	5	0	51	11	53
Nott. Forest	20	13	4	3	44	16	43
Arsenal	21	12	4	5	35	20	40
Manchester U.	21	10	5	3	35	22	38
Everton	22	10	7	5	32	15	37
QPR	22	10	6	6	27	27	36
Wimbledon	22	9	7	6	31	25	34
Chelsea	22	8	5	9	31	36	29
Luton	21	8	4	9	27	25	28
Southampton	21	7	7	7	31	31	28
Tottenham	22	8	4	10	22	26	28
Sheff. Wed.	22	8	3	11	25	36	27
West Ham	22	6	8	8	25	29	26
Newcastle	21	6	7	8	24	33	25
Derby County	21	6	6	9	19	25	24
Coventry	21	6	6	9	22	32	24
Oxford	22	6	4	12	24	39	22
Norwich	22	6	3	13	19	29	21
Portsmouth	22	4	8	10	19	39	20
Charlton	22	4	6	12	21	34	18
Watford	21	4	6	11	14	28	18

DIVISION TWO – Aston Villa 1, Huddersfield Town 1; Blackburn Rovers 1, Bradford City 1; Bournemouth 3, West Bromwich Albion 3; Crystal Palace 2, Reading 3; Leeds United 2, Middlesbrough 0; Millwall 3, Sheffield United 1; Oldham Athletic 1, Hull City 2; Plymouth Argyle 4, Leicester City 0; Shrewsbury Town 0, Birmingham City 0; Stoke City 1, Manchester City 3; Swindon Town 4, Ipswich Town 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	26	14	7	5	36	17	49
Bradford City	26	14	6	6	41	29	48
Aston Villa	26	12	10	4	37	23	46
Crystal Palace	25	14	3	8	53	37	45
Millwall	26	14	3	9	45	34	45
Hull City	25	12	9	4	37	26	45
Manchester City	26	12	6	8	54	35	42
Ipswich	25	12	6	7	37	34	42
Blackburn Rover	25	11	9	5	32	24	42
Leeds United	26	11	8	7	35	32	41
Swindon	24	13	4	9	45	35	37
Barnsley	24	10	6	8	37	30	36
Plymouth Argyle	26	10	6	10	42	39	36
Birmingham City	26	9	7	10	26	37	34
Stoke City	26	9	6	11	28	35	33
Bournemouth	26	7	7	12	32	41	28
Sheffield Un.	26	7	6	13	29	41	27
Oldham Athletic	25	6	7	12	24	36	25
Leicester City	24	6	5	13	29	36	23
West Bromwich A	26	6	5	15	31	46	23
Huddersfield	26	4	8	14	28	61	20

First woman to handle NFL play-by-play on TV gets ringing endorsement

By CRAIG HORST

KANSAS CITY (AP) – The worst is over and it wasn't that bad, according to the first woman to handle network play-by-play announcing duties for an NFL game.

"I'm glad it's over. I got the monkey off my back," said Gayle Sierens, who called Sunday's Seattle-Kansas City game.

"Everyone wanted to see how this girl would do this football game and now they know. I think this is the worst broadcast I'll ever do. Having said that, I think it was a pretty darn good broadcast.

"I knew there would be mistakes and there were. I know exactly where they were and they won't happen again. There were some miscalls of names and I know I gave the score wrong at one point. Those are mistakes of letting down a little bit."

Sierens, a news anchor in Tampa, Florida, got a ringing endorsement and the assurance of more work from NBC.

"I'm going to commit to Gayle right now to do more NFL action on NBC-TV," said Michael Weisman, executive producer of NBC Sports.

"When you consider that this was Gayle's first one, it was a remarkable performance," Weisman said. "What we have found is that Gayle has improved with every game. No ifs, ands or buts about it."

Sierens practiced for her debut by watching tapes of old games and calling them. NBC spent $50,000 to train her.

The practice paid off when Sierens correctly called a tackle-eligible play in which the Chiefs got a touchdown on a pass to tackle Mark Adickes.

"I called it as soon as it happened," she said. "I called who it was, what position it was."

Kansas City, which made several big plays on offence, won the game 41-20 after taking a 27-20 lead at halftime.

"The game, particularly the first half, was very exciting and that helped," Sierens said. "I was pleased with the way things turned out.

"I just hope the male audience or the female audience would look at it like they saw a good game and that the announcers didn't get in the way of the game. I don't want anyone to say, 'Oh, she did good for a girl.' "

Dave Rowe, a former NFL lineman who teamed with Sierens as an analyst, said he forgot he was working with a woman as soon as the game started.

"At first, I thought that this is odd, strange," Rowe said. "But after the first couple of series, I can't remember a time in the broadcast where I thought that I'm doing a game with a woman and this is a historic moment."

Weisman said he hoped Sierens' experience would interest other women in seeking announcing posts for a network.

"What has happened today is that a door was opened and Gayle was given an opportunity and she pushed it open a little wider," Weisman said.

McHale – just doing his job

SACRAMENTO (AP) - For Kevin McHale, his 16 fourth-quarter points were nothing more than what was expected of him.

"The guards were making great passes in there," said McHale, who finished with 25 points in the Boston Celtics' 114-102 National Basketball Association victory over Sacramento on Sunday night. "When they do that, your job as the big man is to simply put it into the hole.

"All I did was what I was supposed to do."

Larry Bird led the Celtics with 35 points as they won their sixth consecutive game. Otis Thorpe led Sacramento with 30 points, while Reggie Theus added 29.

Boston Coach K.C. Jones said he was impressed with Sacramento centre Joe Kleine, who had 14 points and 15 rebounds.

Kleine was more impressed with Bird's play than his own.

"Larry is such a good passer," Kleine said. "He's like a quarterback out there. He looks at all his receivers, then he coolly picks one to go for."

Nets 101, Cavaliers 83

New Jersey won for only the fifth time in 25 games as Dwayne Washington continued his recent hot scoring pace in the victory over Cleveland.

Washington, averaging 23 points in his last four games after starting the season with an 8.1 norm in his first 21 outings, scored 24 against the Cavaliers. Mike Gminiski added 23 points and Ben Coleman 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Nets. Mark Price led the Cavaliers with 20.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	17	8	.680	–
Philadelphia	12	11	.522	4
Washington	8	16	.333	8½
NY Knicks	8	18	.308	9½
New Jersey	5	20	.200	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Detroit	17	5	.773	–
Atlanta	18	7	.720	½
Milwaukee	14	9	.609	3½
Chicago	15	11	.577	4
Indiana	13	12	.520	5½
Cleveland	12	14	.462	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Dallas	16	8	.667	–
Denver	19	9	.640	1
Houston	12	12	.500	4
San Antonio	12	12	.500	4
Utah	12	14	.462	5
Sacramento	7	19	.269	10

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	19	6	.760	–
Portland	16	9	.640	3
Seattle	13	13	.500	6½
L.A. Clippers	8	15	.348	10
Phoenix	8	15	.348	10
Golden State	4	19	.174	14

U.S. seeking British help in bid to stage World Cup

LONDON (AP) – Soccer chiefs in the U. S. have turned to a leading administrator in the English game to mastermind their bid to stage the 1994 World Cup.

Ted Croker, secretary of the English FA, confirmed that he had been invited to help the U.S.

"I have had an approach from the States. It's a fascinating situation," Croker said. "The U.S. would certainly need a strong European influence, and I'm prepared to give what guidance I have."



BETAR'S NEW BOSS – Eliyahu Ofer, former coach for Hapoel Jerusalem and player for Hapoel Beersheba, yesterday took over the helm of defending champions Betar Jerusalem. (Dan Landau)

CRICKET

Sleep keeps Test awake

MELBOURNE (AP) – Australia were all out for 357 runs – 40 ahead of New Zealand's first innings – at the close of the third day of their third cricket test yesterday.

Australian Peter Sleep scored a test career-high 90 before he was trapped lbw by Richard Hadlee.

Sleep and Tony Dodemaide, who scored his maiden Test half-century in his debut Test, put on an eighth-wicket partnership of 80 runs.

Fast bowler Craig McDermott showed his batting style by scoring 33 runs before being bowled by Danny Morrison.

He and Dodemaide had a 61-run ninth-wicket partnership that broke the previous record held by Rod Marsh and Len Pascoe on the New Zealand tour in 1981-82.

Apart from taking Sleep's wicket, Hadlee had a quiet day. On Sunday, he captured four of the five wickets to fall.

New Zealand survived one fiery over from Craig McDermott at the end of the day, with opener Phil Horne fending off the six deliveries with some difficulty.

In Calcutta, Arun Lal disappointed his hometown crowd, missing a century by seven runs, but helped India to make a strong reply – 304 for 3 – to West Indies' imposing first innings total on the third day of the third Test yesterday.

A crowd of 45,000 roared their approval as their local hero struck a succession of impeccable straight drives and flicks off his toes, before being given out lbw to Courtney Walsh.

Azharuddin with 60 not out and Vengsakar with 53 not out carried on the good work for India.

Melbourne: N.Z. 317 and 0/1. Australia 357
Calcutta: W.I. 530/5 decl. India 304/3.

JUNIOR TENNIS – Top-seeded Jim Courier (U.S.), who beat Boaz Merenstein in the second round, dominated the Soviet Union's second-seeded Andrey Cherkasov 6-3, 6-2 on Sunday to capture the boys 18 title of the Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships.

Natalia Zvereva (USSR), the No. 1 seed, captured the girls singles title in a 6-2, 6-0 win over Italy's unseeded Laura Lapi.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL TV
8.00 Teletext **8.05** Keep Fit **8.15** School broadcasts **14.00** Teletext **14.05** An American Christmas Carol. Eric Till's 1979 TV-movie based on Charles Dickens' classic stars Henry Winkler **15.40** Keep Fit **16.00** Pretty Butterfly **16.25** The Transformers **17.00** A New Evening – five magazine

ISRAEL TV
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Animated film **17.40** 3, 4, 5½ **18.05** Alf
ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES:
18.30 News roundup **18.32** Western Culture – documentary (part 8) **19.30** News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at **20.00** with a news roundup **20.02** Are You Being Served? – British comedy series **20.30** Kolbotek **21.00** Mabat Newsreel **21.40** Second Look – focus on matters of moment **22.20** Paradise Postponed. Part 5 of an 11-part British drama serial **23.10** Easy Street – American comedy series **23.35** News

ISRAEL TV CHANNEL 2
18.30 Maya the Bee **19.00** The Prince and the Pauper (part 3) **19.30** Meni Pe'er's Interview Programme **20.30** Demjanjuk Trial Roundup **21.00** Pop 2

JORDAN TV (unofficial)
17.30 Cartoons **18.00** French Hour **19.30** News in Hebrew **20.00** News in Arabic **20.30** Farrington of the F.O. **21.10** Remington Steele **22.00** News in English **22.20** Beggarman Thief

MIDDLE EAST TV
13.30 Another Life **14.00** 700 Club **14.30** Shape-Up **15.00** Muppet Babies **15.30** Flying House **16.00** Fraggle Rock **16.30** Afternoon Movie: Till the End of Time **18.00** Star Trek **19.00** News **20.00** The A-Team **21.00** MacGyver **22.00** Airwolf **23.00** 700 Club **23.30** Another Life

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC
6.02 Morning Melodies **7.00** Pleasant Listening – no details available **9.00** Morning Concert – no details available **12.00** From the Tape Shelf **13.05** Mozart: Divertimento K.137; Salieri: Concerto for Flute, Oboe and Orchestra; Schumann: Kreisleriana; Brahms: Symphony No. 2 **15.00** Young Music **16.00** Works by Handel, Mozart, Weill and Ginastera – Michal Shamir, soprano **17.30** Marenzio: Madrigals **18.00** From the Record Shelf **19.00** Opera Excerpts – by English composers **20.05** Musical Medley **20.30** Israel Philharmonic Orchestra under Kurt Masur – Prokofiev: Symphony No. 1; Liszt: Piano Concerto No. 2; Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 **22.30** Jazz Classics **23.00** C.P.E. Bach: Concertos, Haydn: Symphonies

RADIO 1st
6.03 Programmes for Olim **7.30** Programme in Easy Hebrew **8.05** Compass **9.05** Information for Listeners **10.05** Hebrew songs and dances **11.05** Morning Pearls **12.05** Mid-East Medley **13.00** News in English **13.30** News in French **14.05** Children's programmes **15.30** Everyman's University **16.05** Programme for Senior Citizens **17.10** Songs for the Afternoon **18.08** Jewish Traditions **19.05** The Mishna Portion for today **19.20** Bible Reading **19.30** Programmes for Olim **22.05** Two Together

RADIO 2nd
6.04 Editorial Review **6.10** Gymnastics **6.30** News roundup **6.52** Green Light – drivers' corner **7.00** This Morning – news magazine **8.05** Making an Issue **9.05** House Call – with Rivka Michaeli **10.05** All Shades of the Network **12.10** O.K. on Two **13.00** Midday – news commentary, music **14.05** Arts and Culture magazine **14.30** Humour **15.05** Songs and Homework **16.05** Economics Magazine **17.05** Magic Moments **18.05** Health and Medicine Magazine **18.45** Sports **19.00** Today – radio newsreel **19.35** Environment Magazine **20.05** Cantorial Requests **22.05** Hebrew songs **00.15** Songs for the End of the Day

ARMY
6.05 University on the Air **6.30** Open Your Eyes – songs, information **7.07** "707" **8.00** Good Morning Israel **9.05** In the Morning **10.05** Hebrew songs **11.05** Right Now **13.05** Daily sounds **14.05** Daily Meeting **15.05** Festival songs **16.05** Four in the Afternoon **17.00** Evening Newsreel **18.05** Economics Magazine **19.05** Hebrew songs **20.05** Interview with Aluf Amram Mitzna of the Central Command (repeat) **21.00** Mabat – TV newsreel **21.30** University on the Air (repeat) **22.05** Popular songs **23.05** The 24th Hour **00.05** Night Birds – songs, chat

ARMY TWO
19.05 Radio Radio **20.05** Emergency Call-Up **22.05** Coffee Break **23.05** All That Jazz

CINEMA PERFORMANCES

JERUSALEM
Beit Agron: Gorky Park 9:45; Bullshot, midnight; **Cinematheque:** The Black Cauldron 4; Rebellion 7; The Southerner 9:30; Vivement Dimanche 9:30; **Eden:** The Skipper 4:30, 7, 9; **Edison:** Dirty Dancing 4:30, 7, 9; **Habira Cinema Empire:** Closed for Renovations; **Kfir:** No Way Out 4:30, 7, 9:15; Aladdin 10:30; **Mitchell:** Spaceballs 7, 9:15; **Orgil:** The Last Emperor 5:30, 8:30; **Orion Or 1:** The Beauty of Sin 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Orion Or 2:** E.T. 4:30; **Orion Or 3:** Woman's Prison II 4:30, 6:45, 8:45; **Orion Or 4:** Jaws: The Revenge 4:30, 6:45; Lethal Weapon 8:45, 11; **Orion Or 5:** Die Flambierte Frau 6:45, 8:45; The Navigator 4:30; Pink Floyd: The Wall 11; **Orna:** Inner Space 4:30, 6:45, 9:15; **Ron:** La Bamba 4:30, 7, 9; **Semadar:** The Beekeeper 7, 9:15.

TEL AVIV
Bait Leissin: To Be Or Not To Be 11:15; **Ben Yehuda:** The Skipper 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Beth Hatefutsoth:** Hester Street 7; **Chen 1:** Inner Space 5, 7:25, 9:50; **Chen 2:** Full Metal Jacket 5, 7:25, 9:50; **Chen 3:** Bedroom Window 5, 7:30, 9:55; **Chen 4:** The Witches of Eastwick 11, 2, 5, 7:25, 9:50; **Chen 5:** Shop Around the Corner 11, 2, 5, 7:30, 9:50; **Cinema One:** Closed for Renovations; **Cinema Two:** Gaby 5, 7:15, 9:15; **Dekel:** La Bamba 5, 7:15, 9:30; **Dizengoff I:** Jean de Florette 11, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45; **Dizengoff II:** Hope and Glory 11, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:45; **Dizengoff III:** Wish You Were Here 11, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30 9:45, 12:15; **Drive-In:** The Skipper 7:15, 9:30; Sex film 12 midnight; **Esther:** Ishtar 5, 7:30, 9:45; **Gat:** The Last Emperor 6, 9; **Haloznce Z.O.A. House:** Therese 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; **Hod:** Dirty Dancing 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Lev I:** Tampopo 2, 5, 7:30, 9:50; **Lev II:** La Famiglia 2, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40; **Lev III:** Prick Up Your Ears 2, 5, 7:40, 9:50; **Lev IV:** The Beekeeper 2, 5, 7:30, 9:50; **Limor Hamelnadash:** No Way Out 4:30, 7:15, 9:30, 9½ Weeks 12 midnight; **Maxim:** American Commando 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; **New Gordon:** I've Heard Mermaids Singing 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; **Orly:** Space Balls 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Paris:** She's Gotta Have It 12, 2, 4, 7:15, 9:30; **Peer:** The Beauty of Vice 5, 7:15, 9:30; **Shahaf:** The Untouchables 4:30, 7, 9:30; **Sivan:** Streetwise 5, 7:30, 9:40; **Tamuz:** Le Bonheur a Encore Frappe II:30, 9:40; **Tchelet:** When the Wind Blows 5, 7:30, 9:45; **Tel Aviv:** Bloodsport 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Tel Aviv Cinematheque:** Without Witnesses 7; Apur Sansar, The World of Apu 9:30; **Tel Aviv Museum:** Her Dream 9; **Zafon:** Manon 4:30, 7, 9:30

HAIFA
Ampitheatre: Closed; **Atzmon 1:** No Way Out 4:30, 6:45, 9:15; **Atzmon 2:** Hope and Glory 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Atzmon 3:** The Untouchables 4:30, 6:45, 9:10; **Chen Hamehudash:** Jean de Florette 6:30, 9; **Keren Or Hamehudash:** Le Roi de Coeur 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Orah:** Dirty Dancing 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Orly:** Men 7, 9:15; **Peer:** Inner Space 4:30, 7, 9:30; **Rav-Gat 1:** The Last Emperor 5, 8:30; **Rav-Gat 2:** From the Bedroom Window 4:30, 6:45, 9:15; **Ron:** Skipper 4:30, 6:45, 9; **Shavit:** Manon 7, 9:15.

RAMAT GAN
Armon: Closed for Renovations; **Lily:** Beauty of Vice 7:15, 9:30; **Oasis:** Inner Space 5, 7:25, 9:50; **Ordea:** The Skipper 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Rav-Gan 1:** The Bedroom Window 5, 7:25, 9:55; **Rav-Gan 2:** Million Dollar Duck 5; Black Widow 7:30, 9:50; **Rav-Gan 3:** La Bamba 5, 7:30, 9:50; **Rav-Gan 4:** No Way Out 5, 7:25, 9:55.

HERZLIYA
Dan Accadia Cinema Club: Beverly Hills Cop II 7, 9:30; **Daniel Hotel Auditorium:** Gaby 7:15, 9:30; **David:** Dirty Dancing 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Hechal:** The Skipper 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **New Tiferet:** Full Metal Jacket 7:15, 9:30.

HOLON
Armon Hamehudash: The Skipper 5, 7:30; **Migdal:** Shop Around The Corner 7:30, 9:30; The Professional II 4:30, 7:15, 9:30.

BAT YAM
Atzmaut: The Professional II 4:30, 7:15, 9:30.

GIVATAYIM
Hadar: Space Balls 4:30, 7:15, 9:30.

RAMAT HASHARON
Kochav: Beverly Hills Cop II 7 pm; Decline of the American Empire 9:30.

PETAH TIKVA
G.G.Hechal 1: The Skipper 5, 7:15, 9:30; **G.G.Hechal 2:** No Way Out 5, 7:15, 9:30; **G.G.Hechal 3:** Dirty Dancing 5, 7:15, 9:30.

NETANYA
Dor - Hechal Tarbut: Down By Law 7:15.

RISHON LEZION
G.G.Ron 1: Jaws: The Revenge 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **G.G.Ron 2:** Dirty Dancing 4:30, 7:15, 9:30.

BEERSHEBA
Hechal Hatarbut: La Famiglia 7, 9:15.

WHAT'S ON

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JERUSALEM
Museums
ISRAEL MUSEUM. Exhibitions: Asaph Ben-Menahem, large woodcuts, 1984-87 ◊ Chinese Snuff Bottles – Jade, Coral etc. ◊ Stieglitz Collection, Masterpieces in Jewish Art ◊ "Father Series", Nurit David ◊ Justen Ladda, new work expressly for Israel Museum ◊ Captive Dream, Jerusalem 1967 ◊, Tradition and Revolution: Jewish Renaissance in Russian Avant-Garde Art ◊ Emphasis: Arieh Aroch, Michael Gross, Yigal Tumarkin ◊ Edomite Shrine ◊ News in Antiquities '87 ◊ Wondrous India ◊ Permanent Exhibitions of Archaeology, Heritage, Ethnic Art and Shrine of the Book w/Dead Sea Scrolls. ◊ **Special Exhibits: Priestly Benediction on Silver Scrolls ◊ Negev 1987,** Magdalena Abakanowicz ◊ Archeological (Rockefeller) Museum: Crusader Art ◊ Animals in Ancient Art. ◊ Traditional Arab Handicrafts (Paley Centre) ◊ Hanukka Lamp Collections (Ticho House) ISRAEL MUSEUM VISITING HOURS: Main Museum 10-5. At 11: Guided tour of Museum (English). 11; Guided tour of Archaeological (Rockefeller) Museum (English). 2-5: Feinstein Recycling Room. 3-4: Free Workshop in English. 4: Picture Book Programs, ages 3-6 (English).

L.A. MAYER MUSEUM FOR ISLAMIC ART. Visiting hours: Sun.-Thur. 10-1; 3:30-6. Fri. closed. Sat. and holiday eves 10-1. Holidays: check with Museum. 2 Hapalmah St., Tel. 661291/2. Bus No. 15.

SKIRBALL MUSEUM of Biblical Archaeology of the Hebrew Union College, 13 King David Street. Tel. 203333. Visiting hours: Sun.-Thur. 10-4; Fri., Sat. and Hol. 10-2.

Conducted Tours
HADASSAH HOSPITAL, Ein Kerem. Chagall Windows – synagogue open 8.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. Tours, Sun.-Thurs., hourly, on the half hour; 8.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. Fri., open 9.00 a.m.-12.45 p.m. Tours, hourly on the half hour; 9.30-11.30 a.m. Entrance fee. **Half-day tours of the installations:** Sun., Tue., Thur. Details: 02-416333; 446271.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY
English tours daily Sunday through Thursday: 1. Mount Scopus, 11 a.m. from the Bronfman Reception Centre, Administration Building. Buses 9, 28, 4a, 26 & 23 to the first underground stop. 2. Givat Ram Campus, 9 & 11 a.m. from the Sherman Building. Buses 9, 28, & 24. Tel. 882819.

AMIT WOMEN (formerly American Mizrachi Women). Free Morning Tours – 8 Alkalai Street, Jerusalem. Tel. 02-699222.

TEL AVIV
Museums
TEL AVIV MUSEUM. New Exhibitions: Roy Lichtenstein (U.S.A.), Drawings ◊ Marc Chagall (mostly watercolour & gouache) ◊ Menashe Kadishman: Myth Transformed-Painting & Monumental Sculpture. ◊ Treasures of the Bible Lands VISITING HOURS: (Museum and Pavilion): Sun.-Thur. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 7-10 p.m. **Helena Rubinstein Museum:** Israel Art from

NATIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Inflation

	1987	1986
November Consumer Price Index (baseline: 1985=100)	187.0	160.7
November inflation rate	▲1.6%	▲2.9%
September – November Rate (in annual terms)	▲17.2%	▲32.9%
Twelve months to November	▲16.4%	▲19.4%
Price index for inputs in residential building (baseline October 1983 = 100)	2,601.4	2,102.3
November change in index	▲ 2.6%	▲ 3.1%
Change since beginning of year	22.9%	23.2%
Wholesale price index (baseline: 1977 = 100)	2,641.3	2,194.8
November change in index	▲ 1.6%	▲ 1.0%
Change since beginning of year	19.3%	14.3%



Wages

Average gross wage (July-Sep.)	NIS 1,440
Change in real wages:	
from previous quarter	▲1.4%
from year earlier	▲8.2%

Exchange Rates

	1987	1986
Rate of shekel to basket (as of December 24)	NIS 1.7083	NIS 1.4978
Rate of shekel to dollar (as of December 24)	NIS 1.5517	NIS1.4836

Unemployment

	July-Sept.	April-June
Number of jobless (seasonally adjusted)	103,000	87,000
Unemployment (as per cent of labour force)	6.9%	5.9%

Government Finance

	1987	1986
Monetary injection (+) absorption (–)		
November	–NIS 822m.	+NIS 40m.
Since beginning of fiscal year	-NIS 414m.	+NIS 179m.

Foreign Trade & Finance

November:	1987	1988
Trade deficit	$240.5m.	$273.0m.
Merchandise exports	$805.5m.	$585.7m.
Merchandise imports	$1.05b.	$858.7m.
First 11 months:		
Trade deficit	$2.99b.	$2.23b.
Merchandise exports	$7.34b.	$6.21b.
Merchandise imports	$1.03b.	$8.44b.
Foreign currency reserves (end of November)	$5.32b.	$4.26b.

Import barriers keep Israeli shoe costs high

By KEN SCHACHTER
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV – Israeli consumers are being "absolutely ripped off" by protectionist policies designed to shield local manufacturers of sport shoes, a shoe company representative maintains. The government policies, he said, have set the stage for huge markups on both foreign and domestic-made sport shoes.

Leon Brenner, a footwear representative whose clients include British-based Inter Shoes, declared in a recent interview that domestic shoe companies are so coddled that they barely show any interest in exporting.

It should be noted that the sport shoe company Brenner represents, Inter Shoes, does its manufacturing in the Far East, and thus falls within the 300,000-pair yearly quota imposed by the Ministry of Industry and Trade. The Far East quota amounts to slightly more than 2 per cent of the 15 million-pair Israeli shoe market.

Nevertheless, Brenner insisted that his charges are not part of a crusade to sell merchandise. "The public is being totally and absolutely ripped off," he said. "What's happening is that companies like Mega Shoe Co. Ltd. and Gali Industries Ltd. are getting such a high price in the local markets, it doesn't pay for them to sell on the world market."

Although efforts to contact Gali officials were unsuccessful, Teddy Wadmani, vice president of Koor's Consumer Division, the parent company of Mega, declared he is quite willing to export – if the price is right.

An Industry and Trade spokesman had a succinct response to the notion that the shoe industry is uninterested in exporting: "Bull."

But Brenner said he reached his conclusions based on personal experience, after a French Jew who owns a chain of retail stores asked him in September 1986 to arrange to buy 40,000 pairs of Israeli-made tennis shoes. Some Israeli manufacturers quoted prices 300 per cent higher than the $6-$7 per pair common in Italy, he said, while others simply stalled until he gave up in frustration.

One shoe company official, who asked not to be named, said forthrightly about the deal: "Our prices are too high to export. We couldn't handle it."

Said Wadmani: "When you export to France, you have to compete with very cheap imports from the Far East. We can't compete because of their very cheap cost of labour." But Wadmani said he would look into the matter further and respond to Brenner.

From the Israeli consumer's point of view, Brenner said, retail prices for sport shoes can be kept artificially high because there's no need to meet competition from the Far East.

"A pair of Mega Jets or Gali Flights shouldn't cost more than a maximum of NIS 17 to make, including overhead, profit and a 3 per cent advertising budget," he said. "Let's say the shoe goes out of the factory at NIS 17, or even NIS 20. It shouldn't retail for more than NIS 40, with a 100 per cent profit for the retailer. But shoes are being sold for NIS 60-70. So what is happening, I calculate, is that the manufacturer is selling the shoes for NIS 30-35."

Last week, the Industry Ministry further tightened the rules protecting domestic shoe producers by putting shoe uppers imported from Southeast Asia under the list of products that require an import licence.

A ministry spokesman said import curbs are imposed for three reasons: as retaliation against Far Eastern countries that limit imports from Israel, as a counterweight against those countries that subsidize their footwear industry and simply to protect domestic manufacturers.

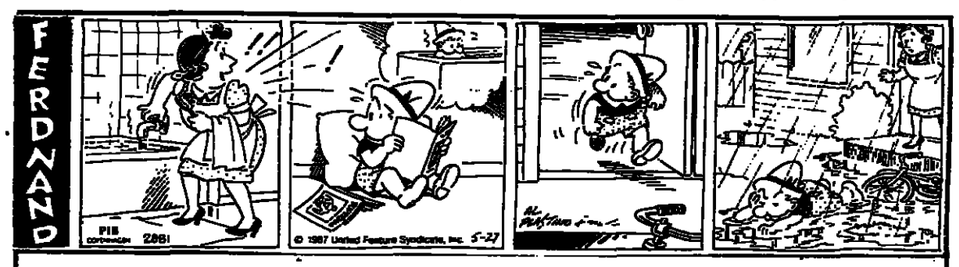
At the same time, he noted, there are no quotas on imports from the U.S. and Europe.

While quotas can contain the threat from the Far East, Israeli footwear manufacturers are also feeling the heat a lot closer to home. "We have to compete with all the Arabs," Wadmani said. "They're marketing shoes all over Europe. They compete with us in Israel and they prevent us from selling in the West Bank [because of their lower price]. The market is about 15 million pairs, so if they manufacture more, we'll manufacture less." Indeed, some Israeli shoe manufacturers take advantage of the wage differential by having their uppers stitched in Arab villages.

But here too, the government is stepping in to protect Israeli producers. The ministry spokesman said several actions have been taken against West Bank shoe manufacturers, most notably regulations requiring Hebrew labels.

Given the circumstances, it's virtually impossible to ascertain whether removal of quotas and other barriers would make Israeli footwear makers more competitive or whether, as has happened in the U.S., the domestic industry would shrivel up.

In any case, Brenner finds irony in Industry Ministry rules that seem to protect domestic shoe manufacturers, but undermine the hallowed Israeli goal of export-oriented industries.



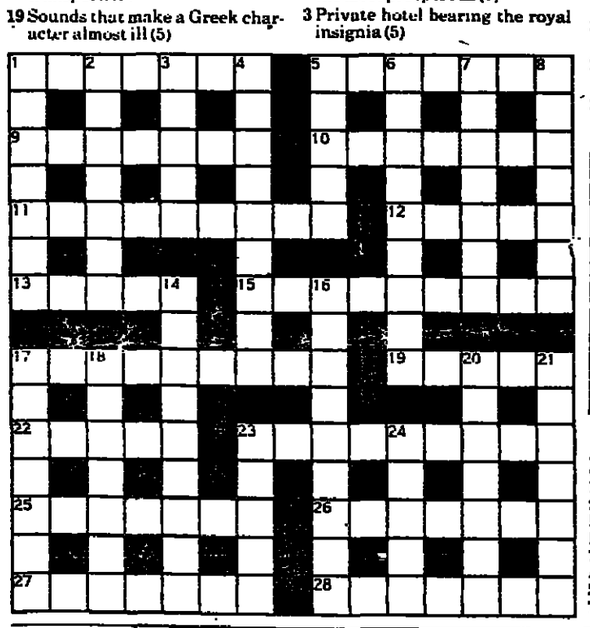
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1 Hot meals (7)
5 A charge made by river boards (7)
9 The objective of the shy (7)
10 A hold-up a worker finds very hard (7)
11 Go too far about an open stretch of water (9)
12 I laze about and do little, from the sound of it (5)
13 More craft turned back, no longer being at the forefront (5)
15 Batting badly, get runs and he'll revolt (9)
17 Well it's not used as a form of transport! (9)
19 Sounds that make a Greek character almost ill (5)
22 Payment commonly secured by a twister (5)
23 Being seated, one's given a meal about one and so content (9)
25 About to accept retiring associate's suite (7)
26 China, where there's many a crime organisation (7)
27 The most fusty holy man keeps the accounts (7)
28 Hold spellbound by the hour in a Lent celebration (7)

DOWN

1 Go riding around on the wind (7)
2 Though a little eccentric, he's the most prosperous (7)
3 Private hotel bearing the royal insignia (5)
4 Appearing to suit in a new job (9)
5 Guy turned about clutching a note with which to get fruit (5)
6 Having caught the spirit, beat it! (5-4)
7 A number will take a cereal from sheer greed (7)
8 Withdraw 13, being over-weight (7)
14 Once a wall's built it's taken into account (9)
16 A sight sometimes better seen in pairs (9)
17 Maintains a rising pressure (7)
18 This could well go to a father's head (7)
20 Cook about 50, plainly on a good diet (7)
21 Additional provision made by a willing individual (7)
23 Set about the French unpleasant conditions (5)
24 Trip over rut in the street so walk stiffly (5)

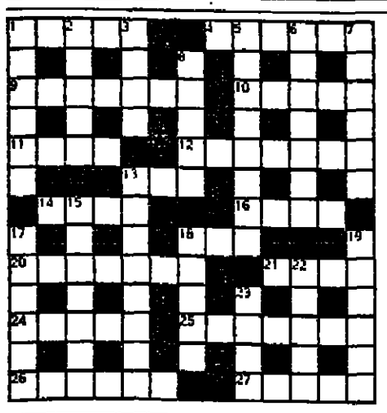


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QUICK SOLUTION

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QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Wail (5)
4 Vendor (6)
9 Aspersion (7)
10 Finger (5)
11 Augury (4)
12 Abbey church (7)
13 Tear (3)
14 Liberate (4)
16 Regular (4)
18 Spoil (3)
20 Investigate (7)
21 Box (4)
24 Choose (5)
25 Join (7)
26 Conjecture (6)
27 Submit (5)

DOWN

1 Sagacity (6)
2 Angry (5)
3 Whirlpool (4)
5 Imperil (8)
6 Inheritor (7)
7 Answer (6)
8 Vagrant (5)
13 Journalist (8)
15 Fully satisfied (7)
17 Modern (6)
18 Clemency (5)
19 Made speeches (6)
22 Portion (5)
23 Sole (4)

BANKING ON IT/Pinhas Landau

The idled rich

Unemployment is not usually a topic to excite much professional interest among investment counsellors – or so you might think. But you would be wrong. To close out the year that opened with the Japhet pension scandal, included the demise of the Lavi, and ended with some grudging realization that unemployment is going to be a bigger issue than inflation from now on, it is appropriate to highlight a new phenomenon in the Israeli economy: the newly idle newly rich.

The sinister phrase "efficiency measures" has come to cover a variety of methods which all boil down to the same thing – shaking out staff. In many cases, especially

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where the firm undertaking the efficiency measures is not in a terminal state, the objects of the measures themselves can come away with quite large sums of money. In extreme cases, of course, the lavish use of golden parachutes can turn being kicked out on your butt into a short-cut to millionaire status, as the current court case between Bank Leumi and its former general manager, Yisrael Rauch, illustrates very clearly (see story on page 9).

The recipients of redundancy pay, early pension, a golden handshake, and all the other forms of paying people to go, find themselves with a problem as big as the cheque they receive: What to do with the money. In most cases they have no option of going on a wild spending spree, but must use the money to tide them over until they can find a new place of employment or even, if they are too old or otherwise unemployable, for the rest of their lives. Investing wisely in these circumstances becomes a matter of crucial importance.

Perhaps the first investment firm to identify and address this problem is Ofek Securities and Investments. Since it is a Leumi subsidiary, cynics might find it appropriate that Ofek was quick to see the emerging need. Whatever the case, Ofek recently unveiled a comprehensive investment guidance package to the newly enriched but confused ex-employee.

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Then comes the question of what to do with the new money. If the customer wants to arrange his portfolio so that it generates an income stream for a specific period of time, Ofek's counsellors suggest ways to do that, showing how different levels of income will eat into the real capital at differing speeds.

These customers are invited back for regular check-ups to see if changing market conditions have created the need to adjust the pattern of investments. If a customer does not need the money to generate current income, Ofek will build his new money into his existing portfolio of assets, or rebuild the whole lot from scratch to suit his declared aims, needs and taste for risk.

Nahum Eshel, Ofek's general manager, says his company has been active at several major Israeli employers including Israel Aircraft Industries, the IDF and Hadassah. He sees his main advantage as being the overall investment perspective that Ofek can offer, instead of the specific plans plugged by banks, insurance companies and others. The nature of his business also requires him to build an ongoing relationship with his clients, rather than simply sell them something and leave it at that.

Regrettable as it may be, especially for the people involved who would usually prefer to keep their places of work and not have to receive large sums of money, it is likely that Ofek, and any competitors in the field, will have plenty of work coming their way.

Airlines say they can handle '88 tourist rush

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The airlines serving Israel are adequately prepared for the flood of tourists expected next year for Israel's 40th anniversary, a spokesman for the Panel of Airline Representatives told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

He was responding to Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir's recent claim that it would be impossible to get a seat on flights to Israel next year. But all 16 airlines represented on the panel insist they can accommodate the expected increased – except perhaps during the Easter and Christmas bottleneck periods when there are a lot of last-minute reservations – the spokesman said.

This assessment, he added, had been conveyed in a report presented two months ago to Transport Minister Haim Corfu, and it had been repeated to Sharir at a recent meeting between him and the Panel's executive officers.

Most of the airline companies, including El Al, are planning to increase the number of seats in planes and are prepared if there are a significant increase in reservations to introduce additional flights. So far, said the spokesman, the airlines were coping quite well.

'Forgiving 3rd World debt would aid world economy'

LONDON (Reuter) – The idea that Third World countries may never pay off all their debts has finally come out of the closet and some economists say it might be best for the global economy if they were indeed forgiven.

At a November Latin American summit in Acapulco and an Organization of African Unity debt summit in Addis Ababa in December, debtors suggested that at least some debt just be wiped off the books.

That surprised few economists. And now, a few American banks, led by the Bank of Boston, have decided to write off chunks of their Third World loans. The ninth-biggest American bank, First Interstate Bancorp of Los Angeles, has suggested forgiving part of Argentina's debt.

"It suggests that more and more people are recognizing that the old approach of just rescheduling debt is tired and creaking and isn't getting us anywhere," said Percy Mistry, a senior fellow in international economics at Oxford University. It is merely keeping much of the Third World, a large part of the global economy, in recession.

Giving debtors a break so that they stop paying so much to their creditors and start investing and spending more on themselves, could be a big opportunity to get the whole world economy growing again.

"Almost any econometric model will tell you that if we could get six to seven per cent growth in Latin America, we'd almost automatically get three to 3-1/2 per cent growth in the OECD countries," Mistry said.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said on December 22 that economic growth for the 24 rich nations which are its members would be just 2.75 per cent this year, falling to 2.25 per cent next year and 1.75 per cent in 1989.

"Now is exactly the wrong time to add to debtors' burden. Now, the world economy needs a boost," economist Mistry said.

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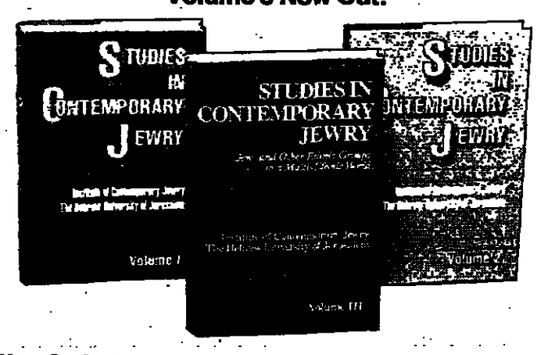
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Disruptions expected in northern branches

Mizrahi wage talks collapse

By PINHAS LANDAU

United Mizrahi Bank workers will disrupt work today in branches in the bank's northern region as they hold meetings protesting the collapse of wage talks with management.

Yesterday the staff committees held similar meetings in Jerusalem-region branches, causing severe disruptions during working hours, especially in the busy Ben-Yehuda branch.

The wage negotations fell apart near midnight on Sunday when a marathon bargaining session that had been expected to yield a signed agreement ended with the two sides further apart than before it began.

Both sides said afterwards that the discussions had centred on the recently-signed wage agreement at Bank Leumi but gave different accounts about what the outstanding issues were.

According to Mizrahi spokesman Ya'acov Eliav, management offered the same percentage wage increases as Leumi employees had won, namely 7 per cent for this year and a further 5 per cent for 1988. In addition, the advance already paid on account of a future wage deal, worth half a monthly salary, would not have been deducted from the settlement.

The staff committee, according to management, held out for the same absolute shekel increase as their Leumi colleagues are due to receive, which would translate into a rise of around 11 per cent in the context of Mizrahi's salary system.

"Lies and falsehoods," retorted Staff Committee Chairman Shmuel Yahalomi, when *The Jerusalem Post* quoted management's version. "We have been negotiating patiently and with great restraint for six months. We have gradually reduced our claims from 22 per cent, while management hasn't budged from an offer worth 3.5-4.5 per cent.

"We would accept the Leumi agreement to the letter, and that's what we proposed on Sunday night, but they wouldn't offer anything worth more than about 4.5 per cent," Yahalomi explained.

Mizrahi's staff committee declared a work dispute at the beginning of the month, but have yet to take industrial action.

Now, however, the pressure is to be stepped up. "We are still asking management to sit down and reach a fair agreement. If they don't, then within a couple of days we will take tougher measures," Yahalomi warned last night.

"It looks like there will be a week or two of tussling, and in the end there will probably be no alternative but to take the whole thing to arbitration," Eliav predicted.

Living standard is up 20% from 2 years ago

By AVI TEMKIN

The standard of living of Israel's population in the third quarter of the year was 20 per cent higher than in the second quarter of 1985 – the eve of the economic stabilization plan – figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statsitics showed.

The figure was almost one third above its level at the beginning of the decade.

The bureau reported that per capita private consumption rose 2 per cent in July-September from the previous three-month period. Meanwhile, per capita consumption of consumer durables rose 7 per cent, a pace that translates into an annual increase of 31 per cent. Most of the increase was due to purchase of domestic appliances.

Consumption of services, such as hotels, restaurants and entertainment, rose 2 per cent in per capita terms in the quarter from the previous quarter.

The bureau said the standard of living rose 6 per cent in the first nine months of the year from the same period last year. Large increases, of some 16 to 18 per cent, were registered in spending by Israelis abroad, and in the purchase of perfumes, books, theatre tickets and clothing.

The purchase of durables rose 8 per cent in January-September from the same period last year, including a 12 per cent rise in the purchase of private cars.

Ramon: Moratorium on compulsory loans

Post Economic Reporter

The government should declare a moratorium on at least part of the NIS 1.6 billion in compulsory loans maturing next year, MK Haim Ramon (Alignment) said yesterday. He added that the government's internal debts represented a time bomb similar to the bank shares.

Ramon was speaking at a meeting of the Knesset State Control Committee, which was dealing with the rescheduling of the government's internal debt. MK Dan Tichon (Likud) said every "generation of senior officials" tried to evade the issue, hoping it would not explode in its hands.

But some MKs warned that proposals to waive part of the debts would be harmful. MK Yehoshua Matza (Likud) said the government must maintain its credibility. It should first show efforts to increase its efficiency before demanding sacrifices from the public.

Mivnei Ta'asiya offer to get nod soon

Post Finance Reporter

The Securities Authority is expected to approve this Thursday the revised preliminary prospectus of Mivnei Ta'asiya, the next state-owned company to have its shares floated on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The prospectus has been held up for some time by the Securities Authority because of major problems in the way the company presented its financial statements. The standard investigation conducted by authority officials led to no less than four versions of Mivnei Ta'asiya's 1986 results.

By the final calculation the NIS 6.5 million net profit initially reported was found to be in fact a massive net loss of NIS 10.9m.

The authority's sub-committee in charge of examining share prospectuses, however, says it is now satisfied with the statements, although it privately professes shock at the thought that without its work, the public would have had a completely inaccurate picture of Mivnei Ta'asiya's books.

The government Companies Authority nevertheless expects that, despite the loss that the company will report in its prospectus and the damage the investigation caused, the Mivnei Ta'asiya issue will be successfully launched in early 1988. The issue, however, is contingent on conditions in the Tel Aviv market.

The Companies Authority is also hopeful that the delays that have held up the planned share issue of the Naptha Ltd. fuel company will soon be resolved. The Securities Authority has demanded that Naptha formalize its business relationship with another state-owned company, Magal Enterprises Ltd., which owns the pipeline through which Naptha pumps gas to industries in the Dead Sea area.

The Securities Authority has also required Naptha to reach an agreement with its parent company, Lapidot Corp., over management fees. In the meantime, the deadline for issuing a prospectus using the company's half-yearly figures to June 1987 has passed, and Naptha has had to prepare a more up-to-date report.

The revised Naptha prospectus will be ready within a month, according to Securities Authority sources. Naptha's shares are already registered on the TASE, and the new issue, if successful, will increase the public's stake in the company to 15-20 per cent.

Negotiations for the sale of the Paz Oil Co. are stymied because of uncertainty over the shape of the oil market reform that is still being haggled over by the Energy Ministry and the three oil companies.

Europeans prefer 4 stars

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

European tourists opted increasingly for four-star hotels over cheaper alternatives, figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics showed.

In a trend that ran counter to industry views that there is a growing demand for three-star facilities, the bureau reported that the number of European tourists staying in four-star hotels was ahead 39 per cent in the first nine months of the year compared with the same time last year. That compared with a 33 per cent increase in overall hotel room nights registered by tourists from Europe and 34 per cent for overall tourism.

Most encouraging to hoteliers was the increase in room nights by American tourists. Following last year's 43 per cent slump in the January-September period, 1987 registered an increase of 35 per cent.

Incoming tourism from January to September rose 24 per cent, while the number of Israelis going abroad grew 16 per cent. And at home, Israeli tourists showed a preference for less expensive hotels: While, hotel room nights for Israelis showed a moderate 3 per cent increase, there was a 9 per cent drop in Israeli room nights in five-star hotels.

Homemade Adidas

Mega Shoe Co. will start producing Adidas sport shoes under license in 1988, Teddy Wadmani, vice president for the Koor Consumer Group, which owns Mega, said recently.

Wadmani said he was unsure about the volume involved in the licensing deal with the West German manufacturer. "The problem is capacity," he said. "We have to save room for Mega." Mega will produce those Adidas shoes "suitable for the Israeli market," Wadmani said, but other parts of the Adidas line will continue to be imported.

Koor also plans to move production of Alexander's Shoes, which was acquired when its owners encountered financial problems, to its Mega factory in Jerusalem.

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"counterproductive."

"The United States wants to see stability in the dollar," White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

Before the start of the European day, the Bank of Japan had also intervened in the market.

In Tokyo trading, the dollar fell to its ninth record-low closing in 14 days, tumbling to 123.55 yen from Friday's record low of 125.2 yen. Later in London, the dollar was quoted even lower, at 123.1 yen.

Other late European dollar rates, compared with rates last Thursday before financial markets closed for Christmas:

- ☐ 1.594 marks, down from 1.6285
- ☐ 1.2888 Swiss francs, down from 1.3228
- ☐ 5.4145 French francs, down from 5.505
- ☐ 1.795 Dutch guilders, down from 1.832
- ☐ 1,182.025 Italian lire, down from 1,199
- ☐ 1.304 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3073

In Europe, the British pound was quoted at $1.861 late yesterday, higher than last Thursday's London rate of $1.832.

Gold rose in Zurich to a late bid price of $489.50, up from $483.80 last Thursday.

NOTICE

Financial markets in London, including foreign currency trading, were closed yesterday for the Boxing Day holiday.

Rise sought in Agriculture Bank capital

Eyebrows were raised in the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday, after Treasury officials asked to increase the paid-up capital of the Agriculture Bank by NIS 12.5 million.

The panel decided not to hold a vote and to delay its decision until learning further details about the request.

The MKs were puzzled by the Treasury move, since in October a subcommittee had approved a proposal to merge Agriculture Bank with the Industrial Development bank. At that time, the subcommittee was told by the Treasury and the Bank of Israel that the Agriculture Bank could not operate with its current paid-up capital, some NIS 20m. but that the Treasury did not want to increase it. That was one of the reasons behind the decision to sell the bank's shares to the Industrial Development Bank.

Sources at the committee said yesterday that the Treasury had reconsidered its position on the merger and was now engaged in what is expected to be long negotiations on the sale of its shares in the Agriculture Bank to the Industrial Development Bank. For that reason the Treasury needs to ensure the continued operation of the Agriculture Bank, they said.



DEMJANJUK ON TRIAL

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black and white. "I asked Dr. Angel – and later Dr. Ortner – about my methodology, and his reply was that my approach was correct."

Chumak, however, saw matters in a different light. He said Smith's action amounted to a suppression of evidence.

Although his questions were tough, Chumak's manner throughout remained calm, smooth and professional. At one stage court president Dov Levin complimented him and said: "I appreciate the elegance of your remarks and your dignity, which compare well with the whining tone of Mr. Sheftel."

As the questioning proceeded, Chumak quoted from another letter Ortner wrote Smith last January. One key paragraph read:

"It is important to emphasize that I have had little experience with this type of forensic identification. Furthermore, that experience is more anecdotal than scientific. I have discussed the general problems of photographic interpretation with experts at the FBI and they confirm my own opinion that making positive identification between photographs is a very difficult thing to do unless there is some distinctive feature, such as a scar or mole or other unique feature. There are simply too many cases of mistaken identity on record to have very much confidence on identification based on comparison of photographs."

Chumak exploited to the full the impact of the last sentence. Replied Smith: "I felt that the FBI simply compared photos. They had nothing to offer in terms of methodology. I considered their report as irrelevant."

In reply to another question she said that if she had been asked about the Ortner letter, she would have disclosed its contents. "Dr. Ortner is an expert on signs of disease in skeletons. He's only an occasional forensic expert, and as far as I know not for living people."

At one stage during the questioning Chumak said to Smith:

"You must have danced with joy when you identified the Trawniki photo with Demjanjuk."

"Not at all," replied Smith in her cool, even voice.

At another stage, when Smith said that she had already answered a certain question Chumak put to her, he burst out: "Oh no, you didn't."

Commented Levin: "I am disappointed to see that Dr. Smith succeeded in upsetting your equanimity. I didn't think it was possible. Pity."

Chumak did not react.

Then again, towards the end of the session, Chumak let himself go another time: "I know she's a dentist, and examining her is like pulling teeth."

Levin: "You should withdraw that remark."

Chumak: "I will."

In a final question Chumak asked Smith whether she had disregarded the Ortner and FBI letters because they were at odds with her own findings. Answered Smith: "They supported my preliminary study and it would have been unfair to use these reports."

There was no cross-examination by the prosecution.

Today's witness, Yitzhak Almagor, will testify regarding the Vlasov army.

Indexes

General Share	25 Shares	General Bond
122.49 -0.30%	138.56 -0.58%	124.19 -0.01%

Shares Movements

Advances	Unchanged	Declines
145	194	97

Selected Prices

Name	Price	Volume NIS	% change
Commercial Banks (not part of arrangement)			
OHH	23600	–	–
Maritime 0.1	1470	1512	+0.3
General non-err.	15500	47	–
FIBI	8255	1021	–
Commercial Banks (part of arrangement)			
IDB	102800	326	+0.3
Union 0.1	76340	104	–
Discount	131200	355	+0.3
Mizrahi	42350	883	–
Hapoalim r	69800	1594	+0.4
General A	178400	8	+1.0
Leumi 100.0	44350	2346	+0.3
Fin. Trade	588100	10	+0.7
Mortgage Banks & Finance			
Leumi Mort. r	8730	63	–
Dev. Mort.	2345	380	-0.2
Mishkan r	3660	28	–
Tefahot r	23500	40	-2.1
Merav r	8000	4	+2.2
Leumi Ind.	12600	51	–
Clal Leasing 0.1	26260	32	+1.0
Insurance			
Ararat 0.5 r	1490	1531	+1.0
Phoenix 0.1	740	1250	-0.7
Harnishmar 1.0	5330	22	–
Menorah 1	1388	100	-0.1
Sahar r	380	1900	–
Securitas	1050	400	+3.3
Zion Hold. 1	4500	–	–
Trade & Services			
Integrama 1.0	816	634	+2.0
Melr Ezra	756	5800	-2.6
Crystal	790	2056	+0.4
Supersol a	11200	197	-0.9
Lighterage 0.1	730	500	+1.4
Cold Storage 1.0	890	972	+6.0
Dan Hotels 1.0	1735	120	+1.8
Coral Beach	7585	172	+1.0
Yarden Hotel	2928	–	–
Hilton 1.0	253	2241	–
M.L.L. 1.0	11900	13	+1.7
Team 1.0	867	5117	+1.2
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture			
Al-Rov	340	2000	–
Africa Isr. 0.1	44000	16	–
Ariadan	2043	30	–
Dankner	6450	10	–
J.E.C.	310	6170	–
Bayside 0.1	4425	540	–
Isras	n.t.	n.t.	n.t.
Azorim Props.	346	9793	+2.7
Mehadrin	6650	188	-0.6
Hadarim Prop.	1740	339	-2.8
Industrials			
Dubek	3910	1143	–
Tempo 1.0	31950	18	+1.1
Sunfrost	15800	2	-1.3
Assis	340	3661	–
Adgar	516	2582	-0.2
Argamen	10980	29	+5.6
Delta Galil	1690	2319	-1.2
Lodzia	890	–	–
Ligat	242	6151	+5.2
Polgat	1050	1523	–
Gibor Sabrina	8033	234	–
Urdan 0.1r	7900	84	–
Wire&Cable	345	8011	-3.6
Zion Cables 5.0	1285	970	–
Pecker Steel	2100	352	–
Ebit	269000	17	–
Electra 0.1	2010	500	–
Aryt	15700	76	–
Spectronix 1.0	1250	8550	–
T.A.T. 1.0	990	206	–
Y.P. Clal	195	7878	–
Ackerstein 1.0	559	102	–
Agan	1800	1500	–
Alliance	1650	–	–
Gal Indus. 1.0	415	–	–
Ferdikers 0.1	4280	310	–
Haifa Chemicals	892	662	–
Periclase	545	3082	–
Frutarom	60500	196	+7.7
Keter	185	7500	–
Koor p	8200	424	–
Investment Companies			
Wolfson 1 r	116000	–	–
Hapoalim Inv.	825	2514	–
Mizrahi Invest.	37800	5	+1.1
Paz Invest.	2833	822	–
Pama 0.1	8200	95	-1.1
Piryon	13400	260	–
Yisum	137	8380	–
Oil Exploration			
Paz Oil Expl.	18800	55	-0.5
J.O.E.L.	371	5331	-2.4

25 Shares

Name	Morning Price	Morning Volume NIS	Morning % Change	Afternoon Price	Afternoon Volume NIS	Afternoon % Change
First Internat'l	7559	242	–	7559	6360	–
Hassneh r	260	4357	–	263	4000	+1.00
Clal Trading	475	4734	–	483	14400	+1.00
Supersol B	9757	52	-0.80	9531	420	–
Delek r	2455	324	+1.00	2443	4200	-0.50
Africa-Isr. 1.0	35954	38	-1.50	35625	60	+0.50
Azorim	1 1068	2403	–	1096	2750	+0.75
Prop. & Building	2877	535	-0.20	2884	2000	–
ILDC r	69195	19	–	63714	160	-0.75
Clal R Estate	840	2834	–	848	6600	+1.00
Elite	13701	29	–	13770	920	-0.50
Polgat B	758	562	–	756	2800	–
Is. Can Co. 0.1	4083	120	-0.20	4093	1190	–
Elron	212355	6	–	214479	48	+1.00
Teva	8982	214	+1.00	9350	1620	+0.75
Dead Sea	2631	1681	–	2644	3780	+0.50
Petrochem	892	1514	+1.00	896	16000	+1.50
AIPM	308594	6	–	310137	54	+0.50
Central Trade	15078	70	-0.80	15192	60	–
Clal Industries	241	40412	-0.40	244	68000	+0.75
IDB Develop.	7727	201	+0.50	7708	880	+0.25
Ellem	984	539	+0.50	989	5650	-1.00
Israel Corp.	4198	840	–	4240	2240	-1.00
Discount Invest	2097	1394	–	2118	19680	-1.00
Clal 1.0	1307	3962	–	1320	15600	+1.00

Abbreviations: s.o. sellers only; p.o. buyers only; n.t. no trading; b bearer; r registered

Statistics

Stock Indices

General Share excl. agricult.	124.19	+0.28
Non-agricult.	172.37	+0.03
Arrangement Banks	121.96	+0.33
Mortgage Banks	141.22	-0.46
Financial Inst.	128.73	+0.09
Insurance	93.87	+0.29
Commerce & Services	127.83	+0.28
Real Estate & Agric.	116.22	+0.07
Industrials	116.01	+0.32
Food & Tobacco	100.43	-0.27
Textiles	100.11	-0.35
Metals	158.27	-0.17
Electronics	84.79	+0.20
Chemicals	130.18	+0.67
Industrial invest.	166.88	+0.40
Investment Cos.	140.69	+0.69
Oil Exploration	83.85	-1.63
Parallel List	66.47	-0.71

Bond Indices

Index-linked Bonds	124.58	+0.07
Fully linked	126.67	+0.04
Partially linked	121.09	+0.13
Foreign Currency	117.66	-0.51
FC denominated	113.08	-0.49
FC linked	119.99	-0.52
Short-term 0-2 yrs	120.97	+0.12
Short-medium 2-5 yrs	123.56	-0.06
Medium-long 5-7 yrs	126.58	+0.12
Long-term 7+ yrs	127.90	-0.01

Turnovers

Total Shares	N.S	12,924,700
Non-arrangement	N.S	8,568,300
Arrangement	N.S	4,356,400
Bonds	N.S	9,663,200
Treasury Bills	N.S	16,741,900

Share Movements

Advances	145	(99)
of which 5%+ buyers only	14	(13)
	1	(1)
Declines	97	(166)
of which 5%+ sellers only	7	(12)
	3	(7)
Trading Halt	A3	(46)

Bond Market Trends

Index-linked:	
3% fully linked	Falls to 1%
4.25% fully linked	Stabilizes to 0.5%
80% linked	Stabilizes slightly
Double linked:	Stabilized to 3%
Ramon	Falls to 1%
Gilboa	Mixed to 1%
FC denominated	Stabilizes slightly
T-bills	15.3-18%

Arrangement Yields

IDB ord.	10.13%
Union 0.1	10.38%
Discount A	10.14%
Mizrahi R	9.99%
Hapoalim R.	10.15%
General A.	9.73%
Leumi Stock	10.23%
Fin. Trade 1	10.16%

Shekel Deposits (annual rates)

Bank / Last Updated	Deposit Size	Pachak	7 days	14 days	30 days
Leumi (Dec. 22)	40-1,000		8.00	10.00	13.00
	1,000-10,000	11.00	13.00	14.00	15.75
	10,001-50,000	13.50	13.50	14.50	16.25
	50,001-100,000	14.00	14.00	15.00	16.75
	100,001-500,000	14.00	14.00	15.00	17.00
Hapoalim (Dec. 13)	Up to 9,999	12.00	13.50	14.00	14.50
	10,000-49,999	12.00	13.50	14.00	14.50
	50,000-99,999	14.00	14.50	15.00	15.50
	100,000+	15.00	15.50	16.00	16.50
Discount (Dec. 24)	50-999	7.00	7.00	10.00	13.00
	1,000-9,999	11.00	11.00	13.00	15.00
	10,000-49,999	12.50	12.50	14.00	16.00
	50,000-99,999	13.00	13.00	15.00	16.50
	100,000+	14.00	14.00	16.00	17.50
Mizrahi (Dec. 14)	40-2,000	–	11.00	11.00	14.00
	2,001-10,000	12.00	12.00	12.00	15.00
	10,001-50,000	14.00	14.00	13.00	16.50
	50,001-100,000	14.50	14.50	14.00	16.50
	100,001-250,000	14.50	15.00	15.00	16.50
	250,000+	14.50	15.00	15.00	16.50
First Inst (Dec. 16)	50-999	–	7.80	10.40	13.80
	1,000-4,999	12.00	13.60	13.80	14.40
	5,000-9,999	13.00	13.60	14.10	15.00
	10,000-49,999	14.30	14.10	14.50	15.50
	50,000-99,999	14.50	14.60	15.10	16.10
	100,000+	14.80	15.10	15.60	16.60

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates, Dec.28)

Currency (min. deposit)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($100,000)	7.125	7 125	7.375
Pound sterling (£100,000)	7.375	7 500	7.875
Deutschmark (DM 200,000)	2 750	2.750	2.875
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.625	2.625	2.750
Yen (1 million yen)	3 000	3.000	3.000

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI. Rates vary according to size of deposit.

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates (Dec. 28)

	CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates
Currency basket	1.6960	1.7170	–	–	1.7083
U.S. dollar	1.5275	1.5465	1.48	1.56	1.5393
Deutschmark	0.9544	0.9663	0.93	0.97	0.9609
Pound sterling	2.8305	2.8657	2.75	2.88	2.8531
French franc	0.2815	0.2850	0.27	0.29	0.2834
Japanese yen (100)	1.2404	1.2558	1.21	1.27	1.2464
Dutch florin	0.8472	0.8577	0.83	0.87	0.8534
Swiss franc	1.1773	1.1918	1.15	1.20	1.1866
Swedish krona	0.2611	0.2643	0.25	0.27	0.2628
Norwegian krone	0.2429	0.2459	0.24	0.25	0.2448
Danish krone	0.2474	0.2505	0.24	0.25	0.2483
Finnish mark	0.3834	0.3882	0.37	0.39	0.3863
Canadian dollar	1.1692	1.1837	1.14	1.19	1.1795
Australian dollar	1.0952	1.1088	1.03	1.13	1.1035
S. African rand	0.7920	0.8019	0.51	0.61	0.7981
Belgian franc (10)	0.4539	0.4596	0.44	0.46	0.4594
Austrian schilling (10)	1.3552	1.3721	1.32	1.38	1.3650
Italian lira (1000)	1.2945	1.3106	1.26	1.33	1.3039
Jordanian dinar	–	–	4.22	4.48	4.5178
Egyptian pound	–	–	0.66	0.70	0.7081
ECU	1.9859	1.9903	–	–	1.9813
Irish punt	2.4868	2.5177	2.43	2.58	2.5214
Spanish peseta (100)	1.4040	1.4214	1.36	1.45	1.4115

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI.

EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS (Dec. 28)

Precious Metals

Gold	London	a.m. fix	closed	
	London	p.m. fix	closed	
	Paris	noon	492.33	
	Zurich	p.m. fix	490.45	
Silver	London	Spot fix	closed	
Platinum	London	p.m. fix	closed	

SOURCE: MARINE MIDLAND BANK

Libor Rates

	1 month	3 months	6 months
Sterling	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Dollar	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
S-franc	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
D-mark	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Yen	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Share Indices

Commerzbank 60 stocks ..... 1312.3 -37.3 Financial Times 100 stocks ..... closed

NEW YORK FINANCIAL MARKETS (Dec. 28)

U.S. Money Rates

Prime rate	8.75 %	Fed funds (late)	6⅞ %
Broker loan	8-8.25 %	Long term bond	98 26/32-28/32
NY Euros (3 mos.)	7 15/16-13/16 %	Discount rate	6.00 %

New York Foreign Exchange

	DMK	SFR	STG	YEN	CAN
Latest	1.5975/85	1.2915/25	1.8595/10	123.50/60	1.3052/57
High	1.6023	1.2940	1.8880	123.65	1.3060
Low	1.5910	1.2850	1.8543	122.85	1.3020

Comment:
The dollar hovered at the middle of yesterday's range but remained below Thursday's close in thin, year-end activity. It was boosted early in the afternoon by a renewed White House call for dollar stability. The U.S. currency was previously near its worst levels of the day against the Deutschmark and yen after posting fresh post-War lows sparked by overseas selling.

Precious Metals

Gold	Spot	488.15	Silver	Spot	6.86
	Prev close	486.50		Prev close	8.81

Wall Street (Prices as of 16:00 GMT)

Market Indices			NYSE Highest Volume		
DJ Industrials	1,937.17	-62.50	Sou Calif	30⅞	- ⅛
DJ Transport	751.86	-18.43	Comw Ed	27⅞	- ⅜
DJ Utils	174.13	- 1.66	ATT	26¼	- ¼
Stocks	714.09	-19.18	Gen Elec	44⅞	-1¼
NYSE Comp	137.22	- 3.63	Bankamer	6⅞	- ⅛
NYSE Inds	165.97	- 4.90	US Shoe Cp	13⅜	-1
NASD Comp	325.61	- 7.58	Computrvsn	13¼	+4⅛
S-P 100 index	237.34	- 7.31	Salomon In	19⅛	+ ⅜
S-P Comp	244.99	- 7.03	Navistar	4⅜	unch
Amex index	256.14	- 4.76	IBM	115½	-4⅜

Statistics

NYSE	Volume	130,866,700	NASDAQ	Volume	82,012,500 (24 Dec.)
	Stocks up	177		Stocks up	1309
	Stocks down	1,219		Stocks down	945

Comment:
Investors continued to take profits and push the market sharply lower yesterday in a light, postChristmas session. The weak dollar was the catalyst for the selling, traders and analysts said, noting a resurgence of inflation worry and concern about foreign desire for dollar securities. Catalyst Energy, which received a takeover proposal, bucked the downward trend. It rose three points to 9⅜.

Israeli Stocks Traded in New York

NYSE/Amex

	Last	Prev. close	High	Low	Vol. ('000s)
Alliance	–	¾	–	–	–
Am Isr Pap	19¼	19¼	19¾	19½	3
Ampal	1⅞	1⅞	1⅞	1¾	30
Carmel Cont	5⅞	5⅝	6	5⅝	63
Elscint	1⅛	1⅛	1¼	1⅛	173
Etz Lavud	–	6⅛	–	–	–
Laser Indy	6⅛	6¼	6½	6½	286

Over-the-Counter

	Last	Bid	Ask		Last	Bid	Ask
Ampal	–	5	6	IDB Bank	–	58	62
Aryt	–	3¾	4¼	IIS	2¾	2¾	3
Bank Leumi	–	25	27	Interpharm	–	2⅜	3⅛
Biotech Gen.	3⅞	3⅞	4	Optrotech	5½	5⅛	5⅝
Elbit	4 15/16	4⅞	5	Oshap	–	1⅜	2⅛
Elde	–	⅜	⅛	Rada	–	1⅛	1¾
ECI Tel.	2½	2½	2¾	Scitex	2¼	2¼	2⅜
Elron	3¼	3⅜	3⅛	Taro Vit	–	¾	⅞
Fibronics	2	2	2⅛	Tevapharm	–	6⅛	6½
Galagraph	–	1½	1				

OVERSEAS FINANCIAL DATA
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Eilat Club Hotel — **Tiberias Club Hotel**

Agreement Has Been Reached!!!

We are happy to announce that, in accordance with an order made on December 22, 1987, by Judge Lewitt, sitting in Tel Aviv District Court, Eilat Club Hotel has been bought by H.N. Switzerland Israel Ltd., the owners of the Laromme Club Hotel, Tiberias.

The new management cordially invites the owners of holiday units in Eilat to become a party to this agreement, which, as stated, has been approved by a court of law, in order to restore their rights.

You can obtain details, join the agreement, and peruse the terms thereof, at the offices of Interclub Ltd., Beit El-Al Passage, 32 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Tel Aviv, Tel. 03-292241/3.

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Sale of Flat

A 7½ room, first floor flat on 29 Rehov Jabotinsky (Talbieh Quarter), Jerusalem is being offered for sale. The flat is registered as Block 30021, Parcel 265/8, and may be viewed daily from Tuesday, December 29, 1987 until January 15, 1988, 9 a.m.–12 noon and 3–5 p.m.

Keys to the flat are obtainable at the office of Adv. G. Reubinoff, 2 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Jerusalem.

Bids must be submitted in writing not later than January 25, 1988, to Adv. G. Reubinoff, 2 Rehov Ben Yehuda, Jerusalem. No undertaking is given to accept the lowest or any other bid.

G. Reubinoff, Adv.
Representative of the owners of the flat

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Arabs as Israelis

THANKS, as it were, to last week's none-too-peaceful "Peace Day" show of their solidarity with rioting fellow-Palestinians in the territories, Israel's own Arabs led the agenda of the cabinet's regular session on Sunday.

The normally quiescent Arabs do not very often engage the close attention of the country's political leadership. They tend to be taken more or less for granted. Until, that is, such a day as that day last week, when they indicated by their behaviour that such an official attitude was not too helpful. It was only then that the prime minister deemed it right for the cabinet to take up the "problem" of Israel Arabs, and to examine the lessons of "Peace Day." On the understanding, however, that ministers would comply with Mr. Shamir's request for due "discretion" in discussing the issue with the media later on.

Fortunately, not all ministers complied. For if the Israel-Arab issue is to be tackled at all, and not in the absurdly alarmist terms employed by Mr. Shamir immediately following the Arab-Israel strike, the traditional curtain of coy indifference surrounding it must first be removed.

Are Israel Arabs incorrigibly disloyal to the state of which they are citizens, as more than a few Israel Jews believe? That a die-hard element within the Arab community would fit such a description cannot be denied. That this element needs to be carefully watched is plain enough. But it is not these Arabs who set the tone in the community.

The belligerence of Israel Arabs, as it is perceived by so many Jews, is due for the most part to the community's ever-growing "Palestinianization." And this is a direct result of Israel's own deliberate erasure of the Green Line, and of what Israel Arabs perceive as calculated denial to them of equal democratic rights which are theirs on paper, or in theory. Are the Arab grievanceas false, and unjustified?

The cabinet debate, as reported, showed some recognition on both the ministerial "left" and "right" that the grievances are at the very least not entirely fabricated. To the minds of more ministers, however, the truly burning issue appears to have been the supposedly illegitimate engagement in politics of the national committee of Arab local authorities, organizer of "Peace Day."

It took Ezer Weizman, a former holder of the Arab affairs post in the Prime Minister's Office, to observe that the council of Jewish settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, an equivalent body, had for years dabbled in annexationist politics without anyone taking umbrage.

Apparently, what is fit for a Jew, even in the territories, to do, is not fit for an Arab inside Israel proper.

And rightly so, too, in the opinion of Ariel Sharon. Except that present *de facto* Arab disabilities are to Mr. Sharon's mind wholly inadequate. Because Arabs, who are Israel citizens, shirk the normal civic obligations, notably service in the army, they should, according to Mr. Sharon, be stripped of their civic rights, presumably including the right to vote in Knesset elections, until they do their duties. Jews, on the other hand, or so it would seem, all carry out their civic obligations.

It was rather symbolic that but one day after the cabinet debate the Likud's Knesset faction executive endorsed, even if subject to reconsideration, an amendment to Basic Law: the Knesset, suggested by Mr. Sharon's Herut crony David Magen, that would prohibit the use of Arabic in parliament, except by the chairman's leave or when the speaker knows no Hebrew. The mere thought that it was viewed as a contribution to the settlement of the problem posed by a 700,000-strong Arab community in Israel, is unsettling.

But then, perhaps, since it did not amount to a call for a "voluntary" transfer of the Arabs, it was considered liberal.

A modest proposal

IT APPEARS that there is a gap, not very sizable but hard to bridge, between the demands of ministers charged with the administration of health, education and welfare, in the main, and the readiness of the finance minister to accommodate them. Whenever the cabinet takes up the subject of the budget, as it has been doing for the past three weeks, the debate threatens to slide into that gap.

Is there really no way to close it? Here is one simple, modest proposal. A committee on tax reform headed by Hebrew University professor Eytan Sheshinsky has for some time now been considering the abolition of a number of tax exemptions, the only justification for the durability of which has been past failure to get them abolished. Take the capital gains exemption. It might, all by itself, bridge the gap.

Surely with some assist from the tax reform committee, the Treasury could devise a solution.

THE MORNING AFTER

One of Israel's most cherished values, its "purity of arms" *(tohar haneshek)* has been tested in recent weeks, and found wanting.

You don't have to be a "dove" to feel deep concern. Even a diehard hardliner like Haim Corfu gave voice to his discomfort (*The Jerusalem Post*, Friday, December 25) over the IDF's use of live ammunition to control the rioting in the West Bank and Gaza.

Now, another essential element of our democratic society, the judicial process, is facing a daunting challenge in hastily erected detention centres and military tribunals throughout the administered territories.

That challenge must be recognized regardless of political perspectives. Summary justice must not become arbitrary justice.

Israel's solid judicial tradition, zealously preserved and protected by the Supreme Court, gives good reason for reassurance.

But being seen to be done is itself a principle of justice.

It is that principle which is in danger of being compromised under the pressure of mass-production prosecutions and super-speedy sentencing.

Justice must be seen to be done – by defendants, by their counsel who claim they cannot adequately defend the sudden glut of clients, by the prosecution and the citizens of the State they represent, and by the watching world.

DAVID LANDAU and YEHUDA LITANI

Labour's fluttering doves

Susan Hattis Rolef

FOLLOWING the recent meeting of the Labour Party's so-called "Central Stream" in Ma'aleh Efraim, the party doves met last Saturday at Beit Berl to ponder the recent wave of disturbances in the territories.

The group – *Habama Leberurim Politi'im*, organized by Israel Gat, head of the International Department of the Labour Party, Ya'acov Gil, who expects to replace Simcha Dinitz soon in the Knesset, and MK Aharon Harel, director of the Labour Party ideological centre at Beit Berl – has several impressive spokesmen.

First and foremost there is Abba Eban, always eloquent and witty. Next there is Ezer Weizman (who didn't turn up as a protest against the party's policy concerning the Arabs), whose concrete proposals are usually highly controversial. Former minister of justice Haim Zadok presents the doves' position in the most precise and concise, even if slightly dry, form. And while MK Ora Namir adds a touch of human compassion, Prof. Yirmiyahu Yovel of the Hebrew University tries to follow in the footsteps of his namesake, the prophet Jeremiah, though he lacks the latter's fire and rhetorical force.

The Labour doves share with the rest of the party members a firm belief in the need for a solution based on territorial compromise and the eventual establishment of a Jordanian-Palestinian state comprising Transjordan and most of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. They are, however, much stauncher supporters of the Shimon Peres international peace conference plan than the party's other members, and maintain closer contacts with personalities in the occupied territories, including some known to be associated with the PLO.

Regarding the recent violent demonstrations in the territories and inside Israel, they agree that the defence forces must restore order and use whatever means are necessary to do so, but the doves are more sensitive to the use of excessive force and inclined to pay greater attention to the deeper causes of the disturbances than to the immediate events which triggered them off.

As Abba Eban pointed out in the Knesset debate on the subject on December 16, "It does't matter which match set fire to the explosives, but how the explosives accumulated in the first place."

The doves are also more inclined than the rest of their colleagues to seek immediate measures for reducing the tension by alleviating its causes, rather than increase the pressure through repressive measures; and are more concerned about the effects of the continued occupation on Israel's society and its democratic system. There is a sense of urgency in their messages. While the immediate purposes of meetings such as one at Beit Berl is to make a show of force and to make the headlines in the media, their longer term goal is to influence the policy of the party and, through its leaders, the policy of the government as well.

I fear that the Beit Berl meeting failed to achieve the latter goal even though both Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres honoured it with their presence, during at least part of the proceedings, and with presentations of their opinions.

Quite naturally, Peres is more popular with the doves than Rabin, since it is Israel's official policy in the territories which they are dissatisfied with rather than its foreign policy. Peres's statement at Beit Berl that an insistence on direct negotiations can only mean negotiating with the PLO, and that negotiations with Jordan are only possible within the framework of an international conference, did not elicit any comment from the audience. Had Peres expressed the same opinion to doves further to the left, they would have challenged him to try direct negotiations with the PLO as the only hope for bringing about peace between ourselves and the Palestinians. But the Labour doves do not advocate talks with the PLO.

However, even though most of them are dissatisfied with Rabin's statements and policies, which they regard as being too close to those of the Likud, instead of challenging him with concrete proposals for changes in his policy, he was allowed to give a long speech which dealt with Israel's Zionist mission, the causes for the continued Arab-Israeli conflict, and the need for a long-term political solution to the problem, but not with the immediate current situation.

Of two efforts made to provoke him to give concrete answers to specific questions, one by Eban failed, and another by David Ish-Shalom, (a member of the East for Peace movement but not of the Labour Party), succeeded, only to misfire.

Eban very politely asked Rabin whether he might be willing to comment on the fact that in the government statement which he made to the Knesset last week, the Labour position was blurred because of the need to compromise with the Likud. He was especially upset by Rabin having said that the fact that all the Israeli governments had refrained from annexing the territories was proof of the sincerity of their desire for peace. In fact, Eban said, Labour did not seek to annex the territories because it was willing to give most of them back in return for peace, and the Likud avoided annexation only to avoid giving the 1.4 million Arabs living in them full rights. Rabin failed to comment.

On the other hand, Ish-Shalom (who had been involved in the Herut's/Amirav initiative last fall and subsequently met Arafat) made a passionate plea for a dialogue to be opened with PLO representatives in the territories. He added that if Rabin would free some of these peole from administrative detention, the Palestinians would undertake to stop the hostilities for three months.

Even though Ish-Shalom and another colleague had interrupted Rabin's presentation with interjections, the defence minister got up to reply, only to corner the inexperienced Ish-Shalom. He told him that in the mid-'70s, when he was prime minister, he was approached by Matti Peled (today MK for the PLP) with an offer from the PLO that it would stop the hijackings of planes if he would take certain steps. Rabin agreed, but then Peled returned saying that something had happened and the deal was off.

More recently, Rabin continued, MK Abdel Wahab Darousha came up with the idea that he should stop the administrative detentions in return for a cessation of the acts of terror. Rabin told him to go and close the matter with the other side, but nothing happened. He was willing, he said to Ish-Shalom, to consider his proposal if it came as an official statement from the PLO. Of course, the PLO would never make such a public statement even if it were willing to make a deal, and Rabin knows it, but he nevertheless managed to corner Ish-Shalom.

The conclusion to be drawn is not necessarily that Rabin cannot be made to budge, but merely that gentle understatements and impassioned overstatements are the wrong means for accomplishing that.

However, the doves' weakness did not manifest itself only in their failure to tackle Rabin. They also failed to arrive at any sort of operational conclusions. A panel which should have discussed *hasbara* ended up talking about almost everything else, and Dr. Yossi Beilin, political director-general of the Foreign Ministry, was the only one who offered a few relevant words on the subject.

Again, though several participants said that instead of preaching to the converted, the doves should hold a concrete dialogue first of all with the so-called "Party hawks," no one proposed *how* this should be done, or what the goals of such a dialogue should be. Nor did anyone suggest that the doves ought to sit down, and work out a proposal on policy measures which the group would like to see implemented both in the territories and in the Israeli Arab sector.

Certainly doves should be able to do more than just flutter their wings!

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The house on Nablus Road

Yisrael Medad

FOR MOST political observers in Israel, November 1988 looms as the most important coming date for the state. In that month, barring any unforeseen development, over two million Israeli citizens will go to the polls. Whether all the parties currently represented in the Knesset will be permitted to participate in the elections or whether some will be invalidated, the gut feeling of many is that, come November, the fate of the country will be in the balance more than at any other time.

The personal frustration of Shimon Peres at Yitzhak Shamir's effective blocking of most of his maneuvers, which the vice-premier has termed "the murdering of peace," as well as his intense discomfiture over the demographic situation, will contribute to a vigorous election campaign on behalf of the Alignment.

For its part, the Likud also wants the campaign to focus on the question of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. It will push a line that will stop just short of accusing its rivals of treason. The level of tension in the political atmosphere will undoubtedly rise to almost intolerable heights. This will, in part, be due to the ideological satellite parties on either side of the two main blocs.

All polls over the last two years indicate that the Citizens Rights Movement, on the one side, and Tehiya, on the other, have made significant inroads into the popular support of both the Alignment and Likud. To turn poll results into votes is a function of emotion as much as a matter of rationally convincing the voter of the correctness of any ideological orientation.

All this, however, is not what is worrying other Israeli politicos. For them, what may be a more important future date is January 20, 1989. On that Friday, at 12 noon, the 41st President of the United States will be sworn into office and, together with his new secretary of state, he will be able to apply pressure on Israel. What is causing experts no small amount of anxiety is that all signs are that that president will make full use of his capability.

IT IS traditional that recent U.S. presidents have attempted to take advantage of the early months in their first term to ride the white horse of peacemaking diplomacy. In addition, it is difficult to conceive that a better team than Reagan and Shultz will lead the foreign policy area of that future administration. But more than that, the behaviour of U.S. officials and the thrust of the Department of State's attitudes vis-a-vis Israel point to a negative erosion over the past several years in the normal support Israel has merited.

This erosion is most pronounced, though not exclusively, when it comes to the question of whether the territories of Judea, Samaria and Gaza will continue to be closely related to Israel or whether they will spin off into some form of Palestinian semi-sovereignty. The main areas of friction are concentrated in the activities of America's East Jerusalem consulate and their ramifications. While the cancellation of the Lavi project was a brutal eye-opener, the more subtle shifts perceived to be emanating from the house on Nablus Road are perhaps more indicative of the true policy issues which will be placed on the desk of the newly-elected president.

Since 1975, U.S. funding of projects in the territories that are sponsored by private voluntary organizations (PVOs) has steadily increased. Over the past 12 years, close to $100 million have passed into Arab hands in an admitted long-term effort to "sustain [the U.S. government's] lead in moving all parties to this dispute towards a negotiated settlement" (House Report 94-53, 1975). It is no secret that these funds and others are intended to build up the infrastructure of the Arab residents of the territories to enable them to assume a status of their own when, and if, talks of a peace arrangement materialize.

An interesting sidelight to this PVO funding is that conservative North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms and some of his colleagues claim that this activity is discriminatory in nature. The distribution of these moneys is not geographic but directed solely to Arabs. The 70,000 Jews living throughout Judea, Samaria and Gaza (and that figure jumps to almost 200,000 if one adopts the Arab/Palestinian view, as does the American consulate, that East Jerusalem and its neighbourhoods are "occupied territory") are excluded from the benefits of the American taxpayer's money.

To add insult to injury, the U.S. State Department has been bullying the United Israel Appeal into regarding Jewish enterprises over the Green Line as beyond the scope of its charter. The UIA's executive vice-chairman, Irving Kessler, admitted in a *Jerusalem Post* report on December 10 that there is no legal basis for the ban on the spending of UIA funds in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. What prevents the spending are calls from the American embassy in Tel Aviv, based on the reports supplied by the East Jerusalem consulate.

ANOTHER element on the agenda of the house on Nablus Road is the crusade to back Mubarak Awad, the self-appointed Palestinian "Martin Luther King." It may have escaped me but I have neither seen nor heard Awad in the streets or the media pleading that his brothers desist from throwing stones and Molotov cocktails and avoid all forms of violence. Indeed, that would run counter to his interpretation of Palestinian nationalism which may explain why the American East Jerusalem consulate was targeted for a few firebombs during the recent riots.

The truth is that Awad views himself as the complemental factor to terror. This "side-by-side" component of his strategy reveals his inimical intentions to legitimize the PLO. His preference for a secular, democratic Palestine as the ultimate solution over the two-state proposal of the first-stage "moderates" also uncovers the sham of his posturing as a Gandhi or King. Given all this, the backing of Awad by Morris Draper, the U.S. consul-general, borders on the farcical.

The pronouncement of East Jerusalem as a probable danger-zone for tourists was another under-the-belt blow. Minor as it may seem to be, there is a cumulative effect of this comment which is being felt.

Israel's dependence on America, and its special relationship, takes several forms. They include moral support, economic input, military procurement, global-strategic backing, and are not one-directional. Nevertheless, this dependence does not exist in a vacuum. The stark message is that the house on Nablus Road may be the direct link to understanding what the new resident of the house on Pennsylvania Avenue will try to do a year from this January.

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READERS' LETTERS

WASTE OF MONEY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Uri Yacov of the Jewish Agency Aliya Department (Letters – December 1) grossly distorts the effectiveness of *shlihim* when he tells you that between January and October 1987, 11,354 olim arrived in Israel and during this time, 71 full- and part-time aliya *shlihim* were operating abroad.

Most of the olim who arrived this year came from the Soviet Union and other countries that do not have the benefit of Agency *shlihim*. Most of the *shlihim* are stationed in North America where the average number of families that a *shaliah* sends to Israel each year can be counted on the fingers of one hand. And 70 to 80 per cent of the olim from North America are Orthodox who hardly need the services of a *shaliah* to motivate them.

Count the cost of transporting and maintaining a *shaliah* in North America for two years at 60,000 or 70,000 dollars. Remember that many, if not most, of the olim from North America eventually leave. Consider that this has been going on for many decades, and the mind boggles at the exorbitant waste of gift dollars represented by the aliya *shlihim* in North America.

JESSE ZEL LURIE
Lake Worth, Florida.

DULZIN AD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Gideon Weigert's comment on December 24, regarding a full-page ad in *The Post* publicizing the speech given by Mr. Arye Dulzin at the recent 31st Zionist Congress is misleading. Neither the World Zionist Organization or the Jewish Agency for Israel were sponsors of the ad in question, nor did they pay for it.

YORAM DORI
Public Relations and Press Division, World Zionist Organization
Jerusalem.

SHARON IS VICTIM, NOT VILLAIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Arik Sharon's new residence in the Old City of Jerusalem is a microcosm of Israel today.

A Jew buys a house. He does nothing to bother his neighbours, who are Arabs. The police/army spends time/money protecting the Jew from attack by his Arab neighbours. The Jew is then told that he shouldn't be there anyway and is wasting the country's resources.

This claim is regularly levelled against "settlers" in Hebron, "fanatics" in Nablus and "zealots" in Gaza.

Now, however, we have reached the pinnacle of absurdity. An Israeli cabinet minister, wishing to live in Israel's capital, requires nearly 300 soldiers/policemen in order to throw a house-warming party without being fire-bombed by his neighbours. He is then vilified for placing a drain on the security forces.

Mr. Sharon is the victim, not the villain. The real problem is that 100,000 Arabs who do not recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital live in this city; that some of them stone Jewish cars and buses in Salah a-Din Street, next to the Jerusalem District Court; that Jews cannot visit the Arab market without looking behind their backs to see if someone isn't about to stab them, whereas Arabs can go where they please.

The real problem is that Mr. Sharon requires protection at all.

RABBI DAVID BAR-HAYIM
Jerusalem.

RABBI SCHINDLER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Rabbi Alexander Schindler, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has urged Israel to "end the status quo on the West Bank and Gaza Strip," because it "corrodes the Jewish and democratic character of the state" (December 23).

If Rabbi Schindler is so perturbed about the character of our state, why doesn't he come and participate in its Jewish and democratic processes? How trite and comfortable for him to sit in his ark and wax philosophical on how we should confront an enemy only a stone's throw away!

DR. GABBY FREILICH
Neve Daniel.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – *Kol hakavod* to Robert Rosenberg and his human interest story of December 11 on our aspiring gold-medal boxing contender in the upcoming Olympics, Robert Popino.

However, we were surprised to read the claim that no one came to Popino's aid. He came to AACI in a down and out situation and not only did we give him badly needed emergency funds, but we also found him several concrete alternative offers for temporary housing, i.e. a kibbutz, an absorption facility and a private home.

For those who may be unaware, the AACI is a volunteer organization with a professional staff dedicated to helping North American immigrants and old-timers of all ages deal with living in Israel.

ORAH KAPLAN
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